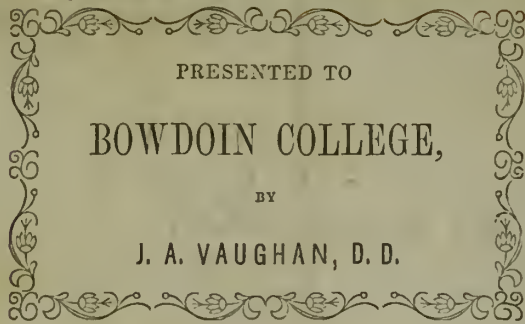




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IN A SESSION

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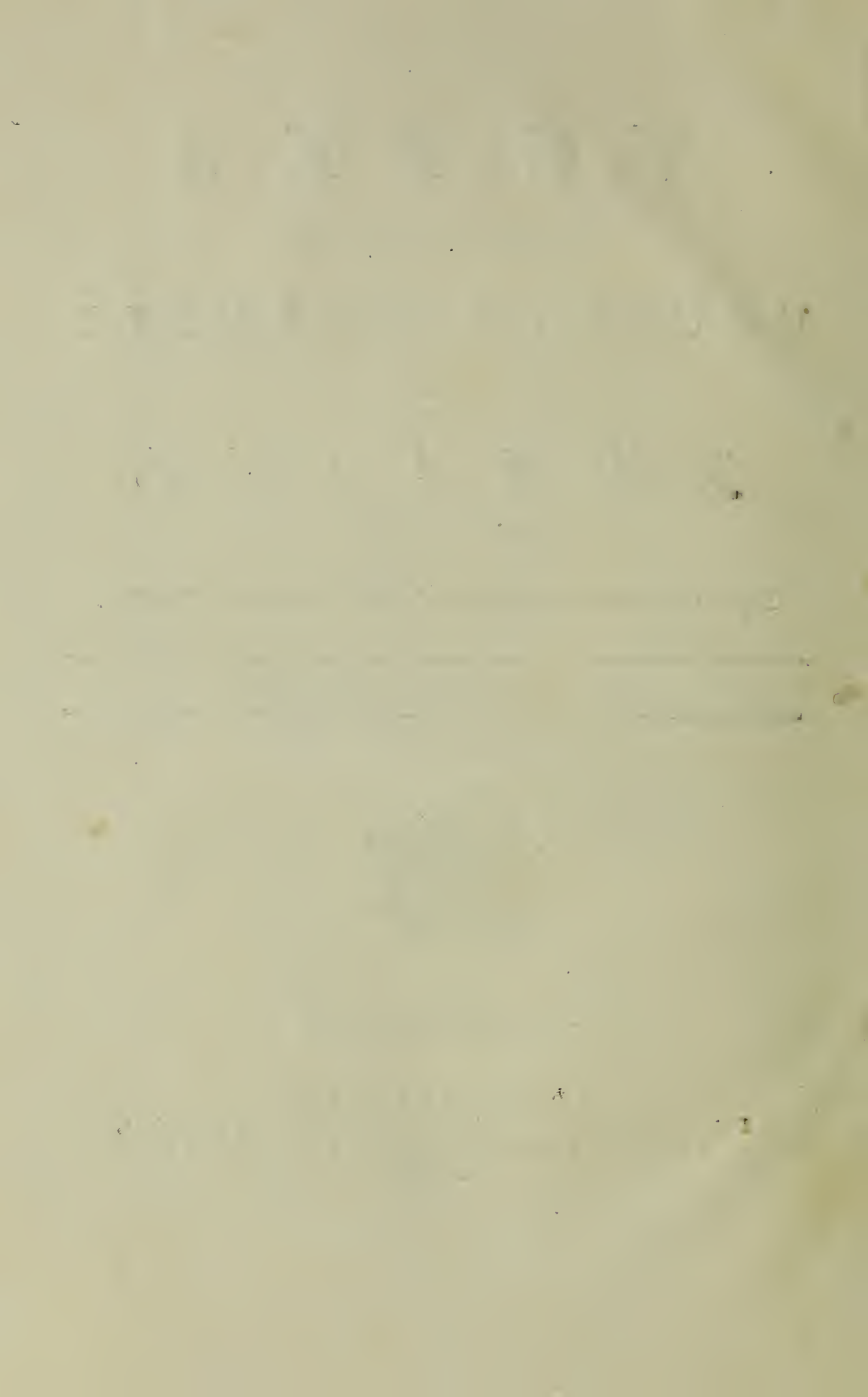
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# V O T E S

OF THE

## ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

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Martis, 29<sup>o</sup> die Octobris, 1799.

**S**EVERAL of the members of the assembly being met, according to proclamation, and being made acquainted by Mr. Lewis, clerk to the assembly, with the death of the honourable Donald Campbell, esquire, their late speaker; House meets.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cuthbert were desired to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, and acquaint him therewith; and to desire his honour would be pleased to give leave to proceed to the choice of a speaker; who returning, reported his honour was pleased to give leave accordingly:

Whereupon the members unanimously chose Kean Osborn, esquire, their speaker; Speaker chosen.  
who being conducted to the chair;

Mr. Lyon and Mr. Tharp were desired to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, and acquaint him, that the house had made choice of a speaker, and desire to know when they shall attend his honour, to present him; who returning, reported, that his honour was pleased to say, immediately:

Whereupon the house attended his honour, and presented their speaker; who being approved of, and being returned;

A message from his honour the lieutenant governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the attendance of the house, in the council-chamber, immediately: Message to attend his honour.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; and being returned;

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Writs issued during  
recess.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, that, in pursuance of the directions of an act for that purpose, passed in the year 1795, a new writ had been issued, during the recess, for the election of a member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of St. George, in the room of the honourable Donald Campbell, esquire, deceased; that one other writ had been issued, for the election of one other member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of St. David, in the room of Andrew Deans, esquire, deceased; and that one other writ had been issued, for the election of a member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of Westmorland, in the room of David Finlayson, esquire, also deceased.

*Dedimus.*

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council; who brought down a *dedimus* directed to the speaker, empowering him to administer the usual oaths, to such members of the present assembly as have not been already sworn, and to hear and see them repeat and subscribe the test.

Returns to writs.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council; who brought down the writs of election for the parishes of Port-Royal, St. George, St. David, and Westmorland; which, with the provost-marshal's returns thereto, being severally read, it appeared that Robert Jackson, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of Port-Royal, in the room of Oliver Hering, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated; that David Sheriff, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of St. George, in the room of the honourable Donald Campbell, esquire, deceased; that William Ker, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of St. David, in the room of Andrew Deans, esquire, deceased; and, that Charles Mitchell, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of Westmorland, in the room of David Finlayson, esquire, also deceased.

And the said David Sheriff and William Ker, esquires, attending, severally took the usual oaths, and their seats, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker reports  
his honour's speech.

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council-chamber, and that his honour was pleased to make a speech; of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I have great pleasure in meeting you at the usual season of the year, when the exercise of your public duties is not likely to interfere with your private concerns.

“ Nothing has occurred during the recess, of such magnitude or urgency as to require any particular recommendation from me: You will, in consequence, have leisure to turn your thoughts to plans and measures for the internal improvement of this valuable colony.

“ Your patriotism and wisdom will suggest those of the greatest utility, and  
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most lasting effect; and be assured of my co-operation, in any thing that you may deem material to so desirable a purpose.

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I rely with confidence on your liberality, for those supplies which the exigencies of government require.

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I trust that this session will be distinguished by that temper, unanimity, and dispatch, which give weight and energy to public measures, and have so often characterized your meetings.”

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, for his speech at the opening of the session; Motion for address on his honour's speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee for that purpose:

Ordered,

That his honour's speech be referred to the said committee.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cockburn have general leave of absence, during the present session.

Leave of absence to Mr. Cockburn.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Mercurii, 30<sup>o</sup> die Octobris, 1799.

Prayers. CHARLES Mitchell, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly. Mr. C. Mitchell takes his seat.

The following rules were read, and ordered to be the standing rules of the house: Rules of the house

I. THAT the assembly be supposed not met, except the speaker be present.

II. That twenty-one make a quorum to act as if all the members were present, and to proceed to all business.

III. That

III. That seven be a quorum to meet and adjourn as they see convenient, during the sitting of the house this session, and to send for absent members.

IV. That every member place himself as he comes in, that there may seem no disparity; the speaker always excepted, who must take the chair.

V. That such of the assembly as shall be appointed to propose what the house hath to offer to the governor, or to the commander in chief, or to the council, shall not be exempted from going, unless such member has been of the council, or speaker of the assembly.

VI. That the assembly, always at rising, do adjourn from time to time, as they shall see it convenient for the speedy dispatch of affairs; and that none depart the house without the speaker's leave, upon any pretence whatsoever.

VII. That every bill, before it pass, be read three times, with the amendments.

VIII. That no member speak above twice to the same debate, without leave of the house; and that none presume to speak without standing up, and addressing himself to Mr. Speaker.

IX. That such as are appointed of committees be named by the speaker, and approved of by the house.

X. That the speaker and assembly have power to imprison such of their members as shall misbehave themselves, that all may be governed by order and decency.

XI. That the minutes of the house be entered fair in a book apart, and compared every morning; and that the books remain in the hands of the speaker for the time being.

XII. That when any motion is made, and seconded by any member, it shall be put to the vote whether the matter proposed shall be debated.

XIII. That, to prevent any misunderstanding in the house, no person shall be liable to answer for a motion made, or words spoken, in the house, unless it be at the same sitting, and before an adjournment; and that the house receive no information from without doors of words spoken openly in the house.

XIV. That the minutes of the preceding day be read every morning, before the house proceed to any business.

XV. That a resolution being taken on any matter under the consideration of the house, in the house, such resolution shall not be altered during the same session.

XVI. That every member who shall absent himself, without leave of the house or the speaker, be, without further order, taken into custody; and that the speaker shall, and he is empowered and required to, sign warrants for those purposes.

XVII. That all persons who shall be ordered into custody do pay to the serjeant at arms a pistole, and to the clerk half a pistole, for each day such person shall remain in custody; and that all persons who shall, during the continuance of this assembly, be in custody at the time of any future prorogation, shall be taken into custody at the next session; and that the speaker issue his warrant accordingly.

XVIII. That no committee continue sitting after the house is met.

XIX. That any person in custody, or under the censure of the house, be not otherwise admitted than by petition, members of the house excepted.

XX. That

XX. That if any member of this house shall go off this island without leave of the house, if sitting, or without acquainting the speaker with his intention of so doing, in case the house be not sitting, or, having had leave to go off the island, shall not return within the time limited for such leave, (unless sufficient cause is shewn to the contrary) he shall be expelled.

XXI. That no member of the honourable the council of this island hath any right to interfere in, or give his vote in, the election of any member to serve in this assembly.

XXII. That when the house shall judge any petition, touching elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the house will order satisfaction to be made to the person petitioned against.

XXIII. That in case it shall appear any person hath procured himself to be elected or returned as a member of this house, or endeavoured so to do, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this house will proceed with the utmost severity against such person.

XXIV. That if it shall appear any person has been tampering with any witnesses, in respect of their evidences to be given to this house, or any committee thereof, or, directly or indirectly, endeavouring to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor, and this house will proceed with the utmost severity against such offenders.

XXV. That if it shall appear any persons have given false evidence in any cause before the house, or any committee thereof, this house will proceed with the utmost severity against such offenders.

XXVI. That, in all cases of controverted elections, the petitioners do, by themselves or by their agents, within a convenient time to be appointed by the house, deliver to the sitting members, or their agents, lists of the persons intended by the petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the sitting members; and that the sitting members do, by themselves or their agents, within the same time, deliver the like lists on their parts, to the petitioners, or their agents; and that the committee appointed to try such elections take into consideration all such matters as shall or may come in question, touching returns or elections; and the committee are to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, for their information; and if any thing shall come in question touching the return or election of any member, he is to withdraw; and all members returned upon double returns are likewise to withdraw, until their respective returns are determined.

XXVII. That when any thing shall come in question, touching the matter of privilege of any member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate.

XXVIII. That all persons ordered to attend this house, or any committee thereof, are under the protection of this house, in coming, staying, and returning; of which the provost-marshal and all other persons are to take notice.

XXIX. That every member of this house enjoy the privileges of his person against arrests and imprisonments, in such manner as hath heretofore been used and accustomed, except in cases of treason, felony, breach of the peace, forcible entries, or forcible detainers.

XXX. That no member of this house hath any privilege in regard to his goods and chattels, except such as are necessary for his accommodation during his attendance on the house.

XXXI. That no member of this house hath any privilege against payment of any aids, supplies, or taxes, granted for the support of his majesty's government of this island, or of any parish duties.

XXXII. *That the misrepresenting the proceedings of this house is a breach of privilege, and destructive of the freedom of the house.*

XXXIII. *That to assert this house hath no power of commitment, but of their own members, tends to the subversion of the constitution of the house.*

XXXIV. *That no person committed for breach of privilege, by order of this house, ought to be discharged during the session of assembly, but by order or warrant of this house.*

XXXV. *That this house will not agree to any motion for the granting of public money, or a report from a committee recommending the grant of money or a vote of credit, till such motion or report has been made three days.*

XXXVI. *That no bill of a private nature shall take rise in this house in future, but by petition from the party or parties desiring such bill, and after a report made by a committee to be appointed to inquire into the allegations of such petition.*

XXXVII. *That no money shall in future be granted by this house for any new roads, without a diagram of said roads be laid before the house.*

XXXVIII. *That upon motion of any member for names being taken down, on a division of the house, and the same being seconded, the names shall be taken, and entered on the minutes accordingly.*

Address to lieutenant-governor reported;

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, in answer to his speech at the opening of the session, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read;

*Resolved,*

That the said address be committed to a committee of the whole house, immediately:

committed;

Then the house resolved itself into such committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the address, without making any amendment thereto:

*Ordered,*

engrossed.

That the said address be engrossed.

*Ordered,*

Message to his honour, for

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Public books of accounts to be laid before the house.

“We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request you will be pleased to give directions to the receiver-general, to attend the house with the public books of accounts.”

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Telfer and Mr. Ker be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Barnett, mentioning, that  
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it was not his intention to return to Jamaica for some time, and requesting that the house would vacate his seat:

Mr. Barnett's seat vacated.

*Ordered,*

That the seat of the said Mr. Barnett be vacated, agreeably to his request.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Atkinson, mentioning his having reason to apprehend it would not be in his power to attend the discharge of his duty, during the present session, and requesting that the house would vacate his seat:

Mr. Atkinson's seat vacated.

*Ordered,*

That the seat of the said Mr. Atkinson be vacated, agreeably to his request.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, two letters, the one from Mr. Macleod and the other from Mr. Spooner, mentioning severally, that their private affairs had obliged them to quit the island; and requesting leave of absence for twelve months:

Leave of absence to Mr. Macleod and Mr. Spooner.

*Ordered,*

That they have leave of absence for twelve months accordingly.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

Message to his honour, for

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Port-Royal, in the room of Samuel Whitehorne Barnett, esquire, whose seat the house have vacated; and also one other writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Clarendon, in the room of George Atkinson, esquire, whose seat the house have also vacated."

New writs for Port-Royal and Clarendon.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Christie and Mr. Henckell be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

*Ordered,*

That the secretary of this island do forthwith send unto the house, the several original laws of this island, now in his custody.

Original laws to be sent unto the house; and,

*Ordered,*

That the clerk appointed by the commissioners of correspondence, do forthwith send unto the house, all the books, papers, and writings, now in his custody, belonging to the said commissioners.

Books, &c. of commissioners of correspondence.

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration his honour the lieutenant-governor's speech, at the opening of the session.

Resolutions, for committee on his honour's speech;

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

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*Ordered,*

That his honour the lieutenant-governor's second message of the 8th day of March last, also his honour's third message of the 13th day of the same month, and the papers therewith sent; and also the report made to the house on the 20th day of December last, from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Donald

Papers referred to said committee.

Donald M'Pherson, of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, planter. presented to the house on the 29th November, 1797, the consideration of which said report was postponed on the 9th March last, until the present session, be severally referred to the said committee.

*Ordered,*

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Turner.

That Mr. Turner have leave of absence for a fortnight.

*Resolved,*

Votes to be printed.

That Mr. Speaker do authorize any person to print the votes of this session; and that no other person do presume to print the same.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Asman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Idibus, 31<sup>o</sup> die Octobris, 1799.

Papers. THE engrossed address to his honour the lieutenant-governor was read, in the words following:

Engrossed address

“ JAMAICA, ff.

“ *To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, Lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same,*

“ THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ We, his majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of Jamaica, beg leave to thank your honour, for your speech at the opening of this session.

“ Whenever your honour may require our meeting, for the dispatch of public business, it is our duty, as it is our inclination, to give our attendance without consideration to our private concerns.

“ We shall with alacrity proceed to the consideration of those measures, which shall appear to us to be best calculated to forward the internal improvements of this important colony: Our deliberations on these, and all other public measures, shall be directed by that attention which alone can enable us to form a proper judgment, in the fullest confidence of your honour's co-operation, in all matters whereby the advantage of the island can be promoted.

“ We

"We shall make due provision for the exigencies of government, in the manner best suited to the circumstances of our constituents, and the general interest of the island.

"We beg leave to assure your honour, that we are met perfectly disposed to proceed in the discussion of public measures, with temper, cordiality, and dispatch."

*Resolved,*

That the said address do pass.

Passed.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

Message to his honour.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble address to present, they desire to know when you will please to be attended."

*Ordered,*

That Mr. C. Mitchell and Mr. Quier be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, in one quarter of an hour.

The following members are appointed a committee of privileges:

Standing committee appointed.

Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Grant, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Rofs, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Francklyn, Mr. Quier, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Tharp:

*Ordered,*

That five be a quorum; that they sit Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the house; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee of grievances:

Mr. Grant, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Christie, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Rofs, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Ker, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. Tharp:

*Ordered,*

That five be a quorum; that they sit Wednesdays and Fridays, in the house; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee for stating and settling the public accounts:

Mr. Fitch, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Christie, Mr. Grant, Mr. Henckell, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Quier, and Mr. Rofs:

*Ordered,*

That three be a quorum; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee to inspect into the state and condition of the several public offices of this island:

Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Mowat.

The following members are appointed a committee to inspect into the several courts of justice in this island:

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Mr. Lyon, Mr. Grant, Mr. Christie, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Mowat.

The following members are appointed a committee to inquire what laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived or continued :

Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Stewart.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Lyon and Mr. Grant, or either of them, be a committee to examine and settle the minutes of the house.

The quarter of an hour being expired, Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up to attend his honour the lieutenant-governor, to present their address, and being returned ;

House attend his honour, and present address.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, and presented their address ; to which his honour was pleased to return an answer ; of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy ; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows :

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

Lieutenant-governor's answer.

*" I return you my sincere thanks for your loyal address, and for the readiness with which you promise to provide for the exigencies of government.*

*" The assurance you are pleased to give, of proceeding to public business with cordiality and dispatch, affords me the highest satisfaction."*

Leave of absence to Mr. Reid.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Reid, mentioning that, on his journey to Spanish-Town, he had been attacked with a fever, which prevented his proceeding at present, and requesting leave of absence for a fortnight :

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence for a fortnight, accordingly.

*Resolved, nem. con.*

Resolution for road grants.

That this house will grant the sum of 5000*l.* to each county, to be appropriated towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Christie, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Ker, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Ross, Mr. Quier, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Grant, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Francklyn, Mr. Tharp, and Mr. C. Mitchell, be a committee to appropriate the said grant.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution ;

*Resolved,*

Restriction on exportation of produce in neutral vessels.

It appearing, by an order of his majesty's council, dated the 5th of October instant, and published in the Royal Gazette, that, in consequence of communications made to the board by his honour the lieutenant-governor, the officers of his majesty's customs, in the respective ports of entry and clearance of this island, are directed not to permit the exportation of sugar, cocoa-nuts, coffee, ginger, and pimento, to foreign parts in neutral vessels, from and after the first day of January next ; and it being evident, that this restriction cannot fail to be highly detrimental to this island, that a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, requesting

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questing that he will be pleased to lay before the house, the circular letter from his grace the duke of Portland, mentioned in the order of council of the aforesaid date, on the subject; together with all other papers which may have induced the board to advise his honour to direct such restriction:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Resolved,*

That this house, will not receive any business of a private nature, after Saturday, the 30th day of November next.

Time limited for receiving petitions.

*Ordered,*

That the above resolution of the house be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for four weeks.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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Menensis, 1<sup>o</sup> die Novembriis, 1799.

**ORDERED,**

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

Message to his honour,

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to lay before the house, the circular letter from his grace the duke of Portland, mentioned in the order of council of the 5th day of October last, and published in the Royal Gazette, respecting the officers of his majesty's customs in the respective ports of entry and clearance of this island, whereby they are directed not to permit the exportation of sugar, cocoa-nuts, coffee, ginger, and pimento, to foreign parts in neutral vessels, from and after the first day of January next, together with all other papers which may have induced the board to advise your honour to direct such restriction.”

for copy of duke of Portland's letter on neutral commerce.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Francklyn and Mr. Dawson be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message, who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Thompson, mentioning, that his private concerns made it necessary for him to go to England; and requesting leave of absence for twelve months:

Leave of absence to Mr. Thompson;

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence for twelve months, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Swaby, mentioning his having lately been under the influence of a severe fit of the gout; and requesting leave of absence for a fortnight:

and to Mr. Swaby,

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence for a fortnight, accordingly.

Petition of George Murray, trustee for Latium estate.

A petition of George Murray, of the parish of Westmorland, acting trustee for Latium estate, in the parish of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That in June, 1798, by authority of the additional party law, then in force, a requisition was made, by three commissioners, from that estate, for three negroes; two to serve as shot, and the other as baggage, negroes:

"That the said negroes were accordingly sent, being previously valued:

"That one of the said negroes, named Manuel, died while so employed in the public service; for the value of whom no compensation has been made."

And praying for relief.

St. James.

Montego-Bay, 9th June, 1798.

In consequence of requisitions to us, from his honour the commander in chief, and from major-general M'Murdo, we have received three negroes from Latium estate, to act as black shot and baggage; and have valued them as follows:

Mulatto Dick, carpenter, one hundred and eighty pounds.

Manuel, cart-man, one hundred and sixty pounds.

Quamin, field, one hundred and forty pounds.

Witness our hands,

JOHN PERRY, }  
RICHARD HILL, } *commissioner*

I certify that Manuel, a negro man slave belonging to Latium estate, served as a shot in the company of Black shot commanded by me, fitted out from the parish of St. James, against the negro rebel Cuffee, and his associates; and, according to the opinion of doctor Hewan, who attended said company, came by his death by a pleurisy, on the 10th day of September, 1798, whilst engaged in the public service.

LAUCHLAN M'LAINÉ, *captain St. James's black shot.*

Dromilly, 11th September, 1798.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition, and documents, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from Falmouth.

A petition of the inhabitants of the town of Falmouth, and its vicinity, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the town of Falmouth, and the shipping in the harbour thereof, are at present indifferently supplied with water; and it has been ascertained, that great plenty of good and wholesome water may be taken up from Martha-Bræ River, and conveyed into the said town, for the use and convenience of the petitioners, and of the aforesaid shipping:

"That the petitioners propose to raise monies by subscription, for the purpose of conducting the water from the said river, into and through the said town, provided they shall be constituted a corporation or body politic, to and with apt and proper powers, and under proper regulations:

"And praying that the house will give leave for a bill to be brought in, for such purpose."

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Stewart, Mr. Francklyn, and Mr. Shirley;

Shirley; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

*Ordered,*

That the receiver-general do forthwith lay before the house, an account of the several sums of money paid to the orders of the respective commissioners appointed by law, for laying out the money granted by the house for making and repairing internal roads of communication, in the several counties of this island; viz. of the 507*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* stated to be in his hands, on the 15th of November, 1798, of grants prior to 1797; and of the several grants of 12,000*l.* in the years 1797 and 1798; and also of what sums still remain unpaid, on account of such respective grants.

Accounts of application of former road grants ordered.

*Ordered,*

That the commissioners appointed by law, for laying out the sum of 4000*l.* granted to each county, in the years 1797 and 1798 respectively, for making and repairing internal roads of communication, do transmit to the clerk of this house, on or before the 30th instant, an account of the expenditure of the several sums of money directed to be paid to their respective orders, that the same may be laid before the house.

Commissioners of roads to make returns.

*Ordered,*

That the clerks of the vestries of the several parishes of this island, do make a return to the clerk of this house, on or before the 26th instant, of the names of the proprietors or possessors of foreign slaves, who have given-in such slaves to the justices and vestries of their respective parishes, as required by the deficiency law now in force, at the several quarterly vestries holden for the March, June, and September quarters, in the present year; distinguishing the number and sexes of the foreign slaves that have been given-in, by every proprietor or possessor, at each of the said quarterly vestries respectively: And that they do also, at the same time, make a return of the names of the several proprietors or possessors of foreign slaves, who have been assessed at each of the said quarterly vestries, for not having given-in an account of their said slaves, as is directed by the deficiency law aforesaid.

Returns of foreign slaves given-in, and of their owners, ordered:

*Ordered,*

That the two last above-mentioned resolutions of the house, be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for two weeks.

To be published.

*Ordered,*

That the clerk of the peace of the town of Kingston do make a return to the clerk of this house, on or before the 26th instant, of the names of all the French persons residing in the said town, who have obtained certificates for their slaves at the last general registry, directed by an act entitled, "*An act to prevent any intercourse and communication between the slaves of this island, and foreign slaves of a certain description; and for other purposes.*" And also of the number and sexes of the slaves, for whom each such French person obtained certificates respectively.

Return of foreign slaves certificated.

*Ordered,*

That the receiver-general do forthwith lay before the house, an account of all monies received by him, for duties on prize-goods, since the 7th day of March last.

Account of duties on prize-goods.

*Ordered,*

That there be a call of the house on Thursday next.

Call of the house.

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Leave to adjourn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, that he had his honour the lieutenant-governor's leave to adjourn the house, from time to time, as they should think proper.

Adjournment.

A motion being made, that the house do adjourn till Tuesday next;  
A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it passed in the negative.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

Sabbati, 2<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

House adjourned.

THE house met; but there not being a sufficient number of members present, to proceed to business;

The house was adjourned till Monday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

Luna, 4<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

House adjourned.

THE house met; but there not being a sufficient number of members present, to proceed to business;

The house was adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Martis, 5<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

*Papers.* **M**R. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Fuller, mentioning, that he could not attend his duty in the house, the present session, without the greatest injury to his private affairs; and requesting that the house would vacate his seat:

Mr. Fuller's seat, vacated.

*Ordered,*

That the seat of the said Mr. Fuller be vacated, agreeably to his request.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Fullerton, mentioning, that from the accident of having been thrown from his carriage some time since, he was yet incapable of undertaking a journey to Spanish-Town, and requesting leave of absence until his recovery:

Leave of absence to Mr. Fullerton;

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Bryan, mentioning, that in consequence of a fall, by a stair going down under him, he was confined, and requesting leave of absence until he was capable of performing a journey to Spanish-Town:

and to Mr. Bryan.

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence accordingly.

Mr. W. Mitchell, from the committee, appointed to inquire what laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived or continued, reported, That the several laws following are either expired, or near expiring, and, in the opinion of the committee, are proper to be revived or continued:

Report from committee on expiring laws.

An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations:

Tonnage duty,

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Francklyn, Mr. C. Mitchell, and Mr. Christie, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

An act to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour, and other provisions from this island, for a limited time:

Provision embargo.

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Henry, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

Rules and articles of war,

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Dawson, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Tharp, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

An

- Gunpowder and  
fire-arms,      An act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "An act to regulate  
the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to  
prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:  
*Resolved,*  
Bill ordered.      That the house do agree to the report:  
*Ordered,*  
That Mr. Grant, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. W. Mitchell, be a committee to prepare  
and bring in a bill for that purpose.
- Carriage of army  
baggage,      An act to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be  
stationed, in this island:  
*Resolved,*  
That the house do agree to the report:  
*Ordered,*  
Bill ordered.      That Mr. Jaques, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Tharp, be a committee to prepare and  
bring in a bill for that purpose.
- Importation of  
horses,      An act to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting  
a purse to be run for in each county:  
*Resolved,*  
That the house do agree to the report:  
*Ordered,*  
Bill ordered.      That Mr. Henry, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Ker, be a committee to prepare and  
bring in a bill for that purpose.
- Instructions to let-  
ters of marque,      An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding of-  
ficers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy;  
and for other purposes:  
*Resolved,*  
That the house do agree to the report:  
*Ordered,*  
Bill ordered.      That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Dawson, be a committee to prepare and  
bring in a bill for that purpose.
- Commissioners of  
forts,      An act for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications:  
*Resolved,*  
That the house do agree to the report:  
*Ordered,*  
Bill ordered.      That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Sheriff, be a committee to prepare and  
bring in a bill for that purpose.
- Mayday-hill road,      An act for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from St. Jago de la  
Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at  
Dry-River, in the parish of Clarendon; and for vesting in trustees, the toll raised  
by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid:  
*Resolved,*  
That the house do agree to the report:  
*Ordered,*  
Bill ordered.      That Mr. Henckell, Mr. Quier, and Mr. Ker, be a committee to prepare and  
bring in a bill for that purpose.
- Green-Island road,      An act for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from Savanna-  
la-Mar, in the parish of Westmorland, to Lucca and Green-Island, in the parish  
of Hanover; and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike on the said  
road:  
*Resolved,*  
That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Henckell, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose. Bill ordered.

An act for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year 1711, entitled, "An act for regulating fees;" as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned: Custom-house fees,

NOTE, *The committee observe, that this and the two foregoing are private bills.*

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Jaques, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose. Bill ordered.

An act to regulate the highways; and to repeal an act entitled, "An act to repeal the several acts therein mentioned; and for consolidating into one act, all the laws relating to the highways;" and also to repeal all other acts relating to the highways: Highways,

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Quier, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose. Bill ordered.

A petition of George Ruggles, of the parish of St. Elizabeth, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, George Ruggles's petition.

"That the petitioner did, in consequence of an order from the public commissioners for St. Elizabeth, supply a detachment of the militia, on service against the rebellious runaway slaves, with two fat cattle of the value of 28*l*."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Samuel Gayner and John Manderfon, of the parish of St. James, planters, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Gayner and Manderfon's petition.

"That the petitioners, from the 25th October, 1798, to the 13th March following, did supply a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at the barracks at Montego-Bay, with seventy-five chords of fire wood."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Samuel Gayner and John Manderfon, of the parish of St. James, planters, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Ditto.

"That the petitioners, from 13th March, 1799, to the 6th October following, did supply a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at the barracks at Montego-Bay, with one hundred and eighteen chords of fire-wood."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Donald Campbell, captain of Fort-Montego, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Donald Campbell's petition.

"That several sums of money, amounting to 398*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*. are justly owing to the petitioner, as appears by the vouchers annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Hewan, of the parish of St. James, practitioner in physic and surgery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, John Hewan's petition.

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"That the petitioner had attended on, and supplied with medicines, the company of black shot fitted out from the said parish, under the command of captain Lauchlan McLaine, against the rebellious runaway slaves; the charges for which, as expressed in the annexed account, are at the usual rates."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above five petitions, and the accounts thereto severally annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St. James.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That a very desirable road of communication may be made, from near the sixteen mile-post, on the Eldersley road, to Trelawny, which will pass through much wood-lands, and in the neighbourhood of the post at Maroon Town:

"That the said road will form a communication between the five parishes of the county of Cornwall, shortening many circuitous routes very considerably, some near twenty miles."

And praying for relief.

Another from the same.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the grant of money made by the house last session, to be laid out on the Cheltenham road, from St. James's to St. Elizabeth, is nearly expended:

"That the said road, although much improved, is not yet perfected, and is of very great consequence as a road of communication across the island."

And praying for relief.

Another from the same.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the money granted last session by the house, to be laid out on the Eldersley road, from St. James's to St. Elizabeth, has been faithfully expended:

"That the said road, although much improved, is not yet perfected, and is of very great consequence as a road of communication across the island."

And praying for relief.

Another from the same.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the money granted by the house last session, to be laid out on the road leading from Springfield to Great-River bridge, in St. James's, is entirely expended:

"That the said road is of great consequence to the county of Cornwall, as a road of communication and settlement."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above four petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A. N. Henriques's petition.

A petition of Aaron Nunes Henriques was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, being possessed of certain island papers, bearing interest at ten pounds *per centum*, which he had taken as a security for monies lent to the public,

lie, had the misfortune of losing one of them, bearing date the 28th March, 1795, numbered 90, made payable to Robert Gibb, or bearer, on the 1st September, 1795, for the sum of 500*l*. whereon all interest had been paid up to 28th September, 1798:

"That, having reason to believe the said paper had been destroyed, he applied, in the month of March last, to the commissioners of public accounts, praying that another similar certificate might be granted to him in its place, and offered to enter into good and sufficient security, to indemnify the public against all losses or demands, in respect to the said paper so lost, but was referred, by a board of the said commissioners, to the house:

"That the petitioner hath advertised the loss of the said paper, in all the public newspapers, since the 15th March last."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Jaques, and Mr. Fitch; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from St. James.

"That the close-harbour company, instituted by an act of the legislature, have erected moles in the harbour of Montego-Bay, which protect the shipping in those seasons, when formerly the town and harbour experienced the most lamentable calamities, in the loss of property and lives.

"That the capital subscribed by the company has been nearly expended in the undertaking:

"That the company, since its establishment, has appropriated the whole of its revenue to the undertaking, without making any dividend:

"That the moles, although protecting a number of shipping, are not perfected, and require much money yet to be expended, before they are completed:

"That the prosperity of the said undertaking is highly desirable, both for the welfare of the commerce and lives of his majesty's subjects in general, and for the convenience and benefit of the town of Montego-Bay."

And praying for relief

A petition of the president, directors, and stock-holders, of the close-harbour company, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from close-harbour company.

"That, in the year 1795, they were, by an act of the legislature of this island, constituted a corporation and body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James:

"That the continuance of the war, during which the said close-harbour was begun, has subjected them to very heavy extraordinary expences in the procuring of labour, both of superintendants and negroes, in the purchasing of flats, powder, blasting tools, mooring anchors, &c. &c.; and which extraordinary expences are still increasing, by the rapid rise of every article:

"That, in consequence, the petitioners have expended no less a sum than 16,000*l*. in the undertaking, and at least as much, but most probably much more, will be necessary to be expended, before it is rendered so useful and so permanent as it ought to be, and is susceptible of being made:

"That, sensible of the great importance of the said close-harbour to the security of property, and the safety of his majesty's most valuable subjects, the company have appropriated both the capital subscribed, and the whole of the revenue which  
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has accrued, towards its completion, without making any dividend, or having yet derived any emolument for the very large capital embarked in the undertaking :

“ That the intervention of the maroon war, and since then, differences with, or the death of, persons who had contracted to construct the close-harbour moles, have occasioned very considerable delays, so as to render it impossible for the said company to complete the same, within the time limited by the aforesaid act of the legislature of this island :

“ That, by experience, the petitioners have found that the affairs of the company may be better managed, if there are made additions to, and amendments of, certain rules and regulations in the said act :

“ That the advantages the petitioners derive, or are likely to derive, under the aforesaid act, are unequal to the risque and expence of the undertaking ; that the time allowed for the completion is, from unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the execution of it ; and that certain inconveniencies have arisen, from the regulations of the present act.”

And praying for relief.

*Orated.*

That the above two petitions be referred to Mr. Mowat, Mr. W. Mitchell, and Mr. Stewart ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Lauchlan M'Laine's  
petition.

A petition of Lauchlan M'Laine, late captain commanding a party of black shot, fitted out from the parish of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner, in the late maroon rebellion, emulous to serve his king and country, stepped forward in the most imminent hour of danger, and took the command of the St. James's black shot ; to the discipline of which corps, inspiring them with confidence, and harassing the enemy, his sole attention was directed, till its termination :

“ That the petitioner bore a part with his company, in three successive actions with the enemy ; the most decisive of which, fought at Chester-River, by the detachment under the command of captain Drummond, of the 16th regiment, on the 16th December, 1795, was almost altogether sustained by his men, whose conduct in that action was exemplary ; a few of the most active of whom, were rewarded with their freedom by the legislature :

“ That the petitioner, whose ambition was to serve his country in a military capacity, was, after the restoration of internal peace to the island, flattered by the two generals, Walpole and Reid, under whom he acted, that, on their representations to the commander in chief and to the house, his services would be well received, and suitably rewarded :

“ That the petitioner, in consequence of such expectation, lost much of his time, to the prejudice of his interest ; which suffered considerably, from unavoidable expence in attending the public service during the war, independent of the loss of a horse in the service, which he then valued at 30% ; and not seeing a prospect of getting into the army, conformably to what he had been led to expect, had recourse, a second time, to his former occupation, the planting line :

“ That the petitioner, placed in an eligible situation, was so found, when the commander in chief did him the honour of calling him to the command of the said company, against the rebellious slaves in Trelawny, in May, 1798 ; which call the petitioner obeyed with promptitude, not hesitating to sacrifice to the public his individual interest :

“ That

"That the petitioner persevered in his endeavours to find out the haunts of the rebels, though opposed to him every hardship of the climate, in an indescribably dreadful tract of country, and succeeded, on the 5th July, 1793, in concert with captain Innes, of the Trelawny black shot, in finding their principal retreat; on which expedition, two of the rebels were killed, and three made prisoners."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Mowat, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Stewart; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration his honour the lieutenant-governor's speech at the opening of the session: Committee of whole house, on his honour's speech,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported six resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows: report six resolutions.

1. That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses: Additional duty.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Henckell, Mr. Ker, and Mr. Tharp, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

2. That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses: Poll-tax,

*Ordered,*

That Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Christie, and Mr. Shaw, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

3. That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses: Deficiency,

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Grant, Mr. Francklyn, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

4. That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses: Rum duty,

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Jaques, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Mowat, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

5. That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to the public service: Land-tax,

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*Ordered,*

## Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Sheriff, be a committee for that purpose.

Stamp duty,

6. That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service:

## Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Telfer, be a committee for that purpose.

## Ordered,

R. Whitfinch, collecting constable, ordered into custody.

That Robert Whitfinch, collecting constable for the parish of St. Thomas in the East, who was ordered to be taken into custody the last session, be taken into the custody of the serjeant at arms attending this house; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his warrant for that purpose.

Threemessages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

*First message.*

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, with

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, an extract of a letter from his grace the duke of Portland, addressed to his honour, and dated the 1st July, 1799; as also its enclosure, being the papers requested by the house in their message of the 1st instant.*

Extract of letter from duke of Portland.

“ *Extract of a letter from his grace the duke of Portland to the earl of Balcarres, dated Whitehall, 1st July, 1799.*

[Circular.]

“ Having had occasion to observe that sugar has been allowed to be exported in American vessels, from some of our West-India islands, notwithstanding my circular letter to the governors, of the 9th December, 1796, a copy of which I enclose, I feel it incumbent upon me, in order to prevent such proceedings in future, to refer your lordship to that letter.

[Copy.]—[Circular.]

“ SIR,

*Whitehall, 9th December, 1796.*

“ It has been represented to me, that in consequence of the opening of the ports in his majesty's West-India islands to foreign vessels, for the importation of provisions, Muscovado sugar is permitted, in several of the islands, to be exported in American bottoms, in return for the provisions brought in those vessels.

“ The government of this country, being desirous that the West-India islands should not be distressed for provisions, during the continuance of the war, has thought fit to acquiesce in the exercise by the governors of this power of opening, in consequence of emergency, the ports of the islands to American vessels, laden with provisions; yet, as this practice is clearly contrary to law, and highly penal, a bill has annually been proposed to parliament, for indemnifying them in this breach of the law; but it never was conceived, that the governors would extend this indulgence, so as to allow sugar to be exported by these foreign vessels, which is not only contrary to the laws of navigation, but very detrimental to the commerce, navigation, and revenue, of this country, especially as sugar now pays no duty on such exportation: I am therefore commanded by his majesty, if any sugar has been exported in foreign vessels, from the island of

to call your attention to a proper discharge of your duty in this respect, and to a discreet exercise of the power so assumed by you, which ought to be governed by, and commensurate with, the absolute

solute necessity and exigency of the case; and to remind you, that as you are acting contrary to the laws of navigation, which you are bound by your oath of office to observe, your justification and indemnity from penalties, must depend upon the sense which parliament shall entertain, of the necessity of a temporary deviation from your prescribed line of duty, and the propriety and discretion with which your conduct is regulated in this behalf.

‘On all former occasions, provisions brought to the West-India islands in foreign vessels, have been paid for in money, particularly in Spanish dollars, of which there has always been found a sufficient quantity in the islands for that purpose; but if it should be found necessary, at present, to allow any further indulgence in aid of the payment for the provisions imported, in that case, rum or molasses, for which there is a great demand in the countries from whence such provisions are brought, may be permitted to be exported in American bottoms. I am, &c.

‘PORTLAND.’

*Second message.*

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that he has received intimation from admiral sir Hyde Parker, that the proper season is now arrived, for ships to proceed from Jamaica to Trinidad and Martinico, with the French slaves.

*Message from lieutenant-governor, respecting the French, and their slaves.*

“That his honour feels it incumbent on him to lay before the house, the general operation of an act passed in the last session, entitled, ‘An act to prevent any intercourse and communication between the slaves of this island, and foreign slaves of a certain description.’

“That his honour has called for returns of the number of French slaves, who have received certificates under the provisions of that act; those returns are now in his possession; that the number of French slaves so returned, amount to 1512, of which 1486 are certificated in the town of Kingston:

“That those slaves, who have been so certified, are in general of the description intended to have been sent to Martinico:

“That those who have not received certificates, are of the description to be sent to Trinidad, as belonging to gentlemen held to be in a more particular manner entitled to his majesty’s favour, by the unequivocal and the uniform adherence which they have manifested to the British interests in St. Domingo:

“That his honour believes their numbers do not exceed 400, possibly fewer, and the most of them belong to three gentlemen, namely le comte de Vaudreuil, monsieur Loppinot, and le vicomte de Montagnac:

“That the negroes belonging to monsieur Loppinot, are chiefly employed in Kingston, and its vicinity; but this gentleman (who was lately governor of St. Domingo, under the appointment of the royal family of France) has submitted himself so entirely to the pleasure of this island, as to the future destination of his negroes, and in consequence of himself, that he will cheerfully meet his fate, whatever it may be:

“That

"That his honour's remarks attach more closely to the negroes of le comte de Vaudreuil; that this gentleman is the actual proprietor of those slaves, but he draws no revenue from them, having been permitted to follow the fortunes of Monsieur, and is under the immediate protection of that royal personage:

"That those 101 negroes are the wreck of an immense fortune, and their labours the sole support of the old and respectable marquis de Vaudreuil, of a numerous progeny of his children and grandchildren, and of many collateral kindred, all of whom exist solely from the earnings of those negroes:

"That a wish has been expressed, on the part of his majesty's ministers, that his honour should use every endeavour to save this last resource to the marquis de Vaudreuil, provided it can be done consistent with his duty:

"That his honour has conceived himself bound to lay before the house of assembly, a fair exposition of the whole case, as far as it has come to his knowledge, thereby affording the house an opportunity of revising the general situation of the French slaves, if it should be deemed by them proper so to do:

"His honour has received tenders of shipping, for the purpose of conveying to Trinidad, such of the French slaves as are in the predicament of being sent to that island; and his honour requests, that the house may be pleased to provide for the expence, which, by the enclosed estimate, appears to be at the rate of 4594*l.* 10*s.* per month, exclusive of contingent charges; the house having, by their resolution of the 18th December last, engaged to sustain, in the first instance, such expence:

"I am directed by his honour to assure the house that, after a detail of the above particulars, he will most cheerfully co-operate with the house, in carrying into execution such measures as they may propose upon this interesting subject.

Estimate of expence  
of transporting them.

'Estimate of the monthly expence which would attend the conveyance of 400 French negroes, from hence to Martinique and Trinidad.

The following tenders appear to be the most eligible for the purpose, as it is understood the parties will agree to the discharge of the vessels to windward:

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Ship Arethusa,	337 tons, by J. Pereira and Co. at 4 <i>l.</i> per month	1348	0
Danish ship Der Nordische Lowe,	} 340 tons, by Hibbert and Taylor, at 4 <i>l.</i> ditto	1360	0
Ship Adventure,		850	0
	847 tons,	3558	0

Rations for 400 men for one month, will require,

61½ barrels flour, at 5 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	307	10
61½ ditto beef, at 8 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	592	0
375 gallons rum, at 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> and puncheons	-	-	-	137	0—1036
				4594	10

Kingston, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1799.

G. & M. ATKINSON & Co."

Third

## Third message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to acquaint the house, that, in consequence of the resolution of the house of commons, of the 6th April, 1797, which his honour laid before the house on the 3d of August, in the same year, his majesty's ministers have expressed a very earnest wish to be informed of certain points, of great importance on the investigation of the subject, and have accordingly framed and transmitted a series of suggestions and queries, consequent thereto; which I am directed by his honour to lay before the house, for their perusal and attentive consideration; and to express his solicitude to have their advice and assistance upon the occasion, as early as possible, to enable him to return full and satisfactory answers, by the sailing of the next packet for Great-Britain.

Message from lieutenant governor, with

Whitehall, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1798.

‘ 1. In order to obtain the fullest information with respect to the present situation of the negroes, and at the same time to decide with propriety and effect on the future measures to be taken, it will be essential to review and report the proceedings of the legislature of the island of Jamaica on this subject, during the last ten years; to state the causes which are supposed to have retarded the increase of the slaves; the measures that have been taken, and those that, in the opinion of the council and assembly respectively, may be taken, with a prospect of success, for the purpose of obviating those causes.

certain queries, respecting the negroes.

‘ 2. What has been the annual importation of negroes into the island, in the course of the last ten years? How many of them have been re-exported? (to which list ought to be added, if it can be done, the number transported off the island under judicial sentences, the number executed for crimes, and the number of those who have been stolen, pirated, or kidnapped.) What has been, on a comparison of births and deaths, the annual difference between them? Can it be ascertained, what proportion of the numbers imported has been wanted for the supply of the estates actually settled, and what for the annual increase of cultivation?

‘ 3. As the dissolute manners of the negroes have been given in evidence, as a principal cause of their deficient population, it would be essential to ascertain, whether the legislature of Jamaica cannot hold out some encouragement to marriage, which may tend to counteract that disposition, which leads the young women to prostitution; such as directing, that the first establishment of married negroes, to a certain extent to be specified, shall be made at the expence of the master, and bestowing some marks of distinction or favour, such as a difference of dress, and some pecuniary annual rewards, on such parents as shall have reared a child; those rewards to increase with the number of children; and whether it may not be advantageous, to hold out rewards and encouragement to such midwives as shall have been particularly successful in bringing children into the world; and in treating and directing the treatment of them for the first fortnight after their birth: Should not pregnant women be exempted from field labour during a certain period (say the last six weeks or two months of their pregnancy), and from all labour, except taking care of their children, for the same time after delivery? To multiply and rear the human species, there must be a marriage or something to that effect; a contract of this kind is actually necessary: At the time of delivery, the mother can only

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take care of the child, and requires the aid and assistance of the father, to take care of herself.

‘ 4. Whether it would not be for the interest of the planter, as much as for that of the negroes, that the mother of five or six children, in lieu of the modified exemptions mentioned in the 36th clause of the consolidated act, shall be specifically exempted from all labour whatever, excepting that of attending to her family; and whether, by some alteration in the assessment of the poll and deficiency taxes, so as to throw their principal burthen on the unmarried negroes only, the proprietors of estates would not be still further encouraged to promote the increase of their negroes by marriage; and whether this, for instance, might not be effected by exempting all children, till they are of age to labour, from the poll or deficiency tax; and subjecting married negroes to a less proportion than unmarried; and, by progressively increasing the amount of those taxes, in proportion to the difference between the number of negroes and the number of children on any estate.

‘ 5. As it has been objected that the vestry courts, appointed as courts of protection under the consolidated act, are deficient in activity, it would be important to know, whether the legislature of Jamaica would have any objection to add to that act, a clause appointing persons of character and property, in the several parishes, as inspectors or visitors, whose duty it might be, to superintend and enforce all the regulations enacted in favour of the negroes.

‘ 6. As the sixth article of the consolidated act directs, that all masters, &c. shall, as much as in them lies, pay their attention to the instruction of their slaves, &c. &c. it would be important to know whether the legislature of Jamaica, in enacting that clause, had in view any particular modes of effecting this purpose; and what species or degree of encouragement they would be disposed to hold out, to such missionaries as might be found properly qualified, and who would undertake that duty, either by enacting, that such missionaries should save to each estate, on which they should be employed, a certain number of deficiencies, or otherwise: This would lead to the general establishment of the Christian religion amongst the negroes; it would establish marriages; it would restrain promiscuous intercourse; and impress their minds, in a simple yet forcible manner, with the great truths of morality.

‘ 7. What would be the effect, with regard to the negroes, of the repeal of what are called the credit laws, if a law were so framed as to give the creditor a summary remedy for the recovery of his debt, by a sequestration under the authority of the grand court of Jamaica? Would not such a law, supposing its effect merely prospective, and to apply to debts contracted after the passing thereof, be beneficial to the debtor, the creditor, and the negroes? Would the legislature of Jamaica be disposed to adopt some such law, now that the obstacles to it, arising from British acts of parliament, are removed, in consequence of the act passed last session, whereby the laws are repealed which made negroes chattels, for the payment of debts? And whether also, if the legislature was, by its authority, inalienably to attach the plantation negroes to the soil, (thereby putting them, as nearly as possible, in a state of villenage or *adscripti glebae*, a species of tenure still existing in many parts of Europe,) so that it might not be lawful to remove them, except by their own consent, such a measure would not tend essentially to the happiness and welfare of the negroes?”

*Ordered,*

That the above three messages, and the papers therewith severally sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

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*Martis, 5<sup>o</sup> Novembris.*

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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*By* virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Alkman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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*Mercurii, 6<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.*

*Præparat.* ORDERED, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Portland, in the room of George Fuller, esquire, whose seat the house have vacated.*” *New writ for Portland.*

*Ordered,*

That Mr. C. Mitchell and Mr. Sheriff be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Robert Jackson, esquire, who had been returned as a representative for the parish of Port-Royal, in the room of Oliver Hering, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated; intimating his wish to decline the honour intended him by the freeholders of the said parish: *Letter from R. Jackson, esquire, declining a seat in the house.*

*Ordered,*

That the said Mr. Jackson do attend his duty in the house; and that, on failure, he will incur the censure thereof:

*Ordered,*

That the clerk of the house do make him acquainted with the above order.

Mr. Henckell, according to order. presented to the house, a bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time: *Additional duty bill presented.*

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. C. Mitchell, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses; and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time: *Poll-tax bill presented.*

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Grant, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to oblige the several

Deficiency bill presented.

veral inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Rum duty bill presented.

Mr. Jaques, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Land-tax bill presented.

Mr. Stewart, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to the public service; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Stamp duty bill presented.

Mr. Cutlibert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Tonnage duty bill presented.

Mr. Francklyn, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof," and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Provision embargo bill presented.

Mr. Sheriff, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Rules and articles of war presented.

Mr. Dawson, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war; which was received, and read the first time:

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*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Grant, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms; which was received, and read the first time: Gunpowder and fire-arms bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Jaques, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island; which was received, and read the first time: Army baggage bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Shaw, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy; and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time: Letters of-marque instructions bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications; which was received, and read the first time: Commissioners of forts bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Henckell, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from St. Jago de la Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at Dry River, in the parish of Clarendon, and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid; which was received, and read the first time: Mayday-hill road bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. C. Mitchell, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from Savanna-la-Mar, in the parish of Westmorland, to Lucea and Green-Island, in the parish of Hanover, and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike or turnpikes on the said road; which was received, and read the first time: Green Island road bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, this day six months.

Mr. Shaw, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year 1711, entitled, "An act for regulating fees," as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing Custom-house fees bill presented.

ing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the officers therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Elizabeth Sylvester's  
petition.

A petition of Elizabeth Sylvester, of the parish of Trelawny, a free mulatto woman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, for two years, lived with Thomas Hanlon, late of the parish of Trelawny, a free mulatto man, as his wife, in the manner that the majority of people of that class usually live in this island; and in which capacity of wife of the said Thomas Hanlon, was received, maintained, and acknowledged, by him:

"That, during the above-mentioned period, and until the death of the said Thomas Hanlon, the petitioner was wholly supported by him, as his wife, during all which time, and ever since his death, she had not nor hath any property or means of maintaining herself:

"That, on the 6th November, 1795, the said Thomas Hanlon then being, and for several years before having been, a sergeant in the Trelawny brown infantry, commanded by colonel Stewart, was killed, in an action with the maroons then in rebellion, at a place called Wills's settlement, in the parish of Trelawny:

"That, by reason of the death of the said Thomas Hanlon, the petitioner hath been reduced from a decent and comfortable state of life, to the utmost poverty and distress; in which situation the petitioner hath been constrained, by necessity, to incur several small debts, which she is unable to discharge."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

Taylor and Bacon's  
petition.

A petition of Taylor and Bacon, of the parish of Trelawny, merchants, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the public are indebted to the petitioners, in the sum of 19*l*. 12*s*. 6*d*. for sundry articles furnished a party of the Trelawny light dragoons, on guard at the black grounds."

And praying for relief.

Thomas Johnson's  
petition.

A petition of Thomas Johnson, of the parish of Trelawny, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the public are indebted to the petitioner, in the sum of 44*l*. 6*s*. 6*d*. as stated in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

Account from Mr.  
Chief-Justice.

Mr. Chief-Justice, in his place, presented to the house, an account due to him, for the hire of waggons and cattle in the public service.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions, and three accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.  
Elizabeth.

A petition of the custos, magistrates, vestrymen, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. Elizabeth, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the sums granted towards making the great road of inland communication; between

between Pepper pen and Oliphant's estate, commonly called the Mayday-hill road, have been expended to the best advantage, but the same have proved insufficient."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the custos, magistrates, vestrymen, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. Elizabeth, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Elizabeth.

"That the sums granted towards making the great road of inland communication, commonly called the Mile-Gully road, have been expended to the best advantage, but that the road cannot be completed, without the further assistance of the house."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the custos, magistrates, vestrymen, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. Elizabeth, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Another from the same.

"That the grants of the house, towards making the great road of communication between the north and south sides of the island, commonly called the Chesterfield road, have been faithfully expended, but that the said road is yet incomplete."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of Clarendon, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Clarendon.

"That a road hath lately been made, through a narrow and rocky defile, along the banks of Pindar's River, leading from Kellit's to Arthur's Seat estate, in the said parish:

"That the said defile being overhung with precipices and steep hills, and being extremely difficult of access, was, till it was thus opened, a noted harbouring place for runaway negroes:

"That the said road, when finished, will be a much better communication between the parishes of St. Ann and Clarendon, than the old road leading over the Old Woman's hill, and is already much frequented by travellers:

"That a considerable part of the said road is already made passable for wheels, and, when completed, must greatly encourage the clearing and settling a very large tract of wood-land in its vicinity, new settlers having opened and planted in that neighbourhood very extensive plantations of coffee:

"That the expence of making the said carriage-road, is found greatly to exceed the ability of the few individuals most interested."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above four petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of Alexander Steel and Henry Paulett, proprietors of Venture plantation, near Cox-heath pen, in the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Steel and Paulett's petition.

"That the petitioners, in the year 1789, commenced the settlement of the said plantation as a provision place, and continued it as such, until the year 1791, when they joined their respective negroes, and began to settle a coffee plantation; which, after many difficulties, they brought to such perfection, that, in the year 1797, it produced 63 tierces of good coffee, containing on an average 700*lbs.* each, which placed the petitioners, who were involved in debt, in such a situation, as to enable them to begin such reduction of the demands against them, as their creditors were well satisfied with, and which they would have been enabled to continue, but that

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the said settlement was, in the afternoon of the 18th April, 1798, attacked by a gang of runaway negroes, armed with muskets and cutlasses, and having with them plenty of powder and ball, with which they continued firing till eight of the clock in the morning of the following day, in which time they killed one white man, and severely wounded two others; after which, they set fire to a house on the plantation, of the value of 500*l*. in which was contained coffee and provisions to a considerable amount:

“ That the said runaway negroes forcibly carried from off the property, a negro woman slave, the property of the petitioners, of whom they have not since heard:

“ That the petitioners were, in consequence, obliged to quit the said settlement; and, although they had previously the prospect of a considerably increased crop of coffee, the same was reduced to 25 tierces:

“ That the petitioners are unable to sustain the heavy losses which have fallen on them, by the circumstances aforesaid:

“ That, from the 3d May, 1798, when the petitioners returned to their said settlement, they have occasionally had a guard of the 83d regiment, at an expence to the petitioners.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Henry; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

William Savage's  
petition.

A petition of William Savage, of the parish of Kingston, esquire, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That, in the year 1787, the petitioner married Jane Cooper Demetres, of the parish of Clarendon, spinster, who was then seized and possessed of twenty-one slaves, and entitled to the sum of 1500*l*. secured by bond and mortgage:

“ That shortly before their marriage, a certain deed of settlement, of date the 28th day of July, in the said year 1787, was duly made and executed, between the petitioner, of the first part; the said Jane Cooper Demetres, of the second part; George Rodon, of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire (by his lawful attorney in this island), of the third part; and Arthur Mackenzie and Benjamin Duncomb, esquires, of the fourth part; whereby it was witnessed, that, for the consideration therein mentioned, the said Jane Cooper Demetres, with the consent of the said William Savage, testified by his being a party to and executing the said indenture, granted and conveyed to the said Arthur Mackenzie and Benjamin Duncomb, their heirs and assigns, all those twenty-one slaves, in the said indenture particularly named, to hold to the said trustees, upon the trusts, and to and for the uses, and under and subject to the several powers, provisoes, declarations, and agreements, therein after expressed, concerning the same; that is to say, to the use of the said Jane Cooper Demetres, until the said intended marriage should take effect, and thereafter to the use of the said trustees, to receive the rents and profits thereof, and pay the same into the proper hands of the said Jane Cooper Demetres; and, from and after her decease, to the use of the petitioner for life; and, after the decease of both of them, to the use of such child or children of the said marriage, in such shares and proportions, and subject to such conditions, as the petitioner and his said intended wife, in their joint lives, should by deed appoint; and, in case no such appointment should be made, during their joint lives, as the survivor by deed or will, should appoint; and, in case no such appointment should be made,

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then to the use of the children of the said marriage equally, share and share alike, with such directions for dividing the said slaves, and applying the rents and profits of each share, and with such benefit of survivorship, as in the said deed is contained; and, in case there should be no children of the said marriage, or having such, the same should fail before attaining certain ages, then to and for such uses as the survivor of them, the petitioner and his said intended wife, by his or her will should appoint; and, in default of such appointment, to the use and behoof of the survivor of them, the petitioner and his said intended wife, his or her heirs and assigns, for ever: And the said sum of 1500*l.* secured as aforesaid, was also, by the said deed of settlement, assigned and transferred to the said trustees, upon trust to receive the annual interest thereof, and pay and apply the same in the like manner as the rents and profits of the said slaves; and to hold and stand possessed of the said principal sum of 1500*l.* under the same trusts, and to, for, and upon, the same uses as are mentioned of and concerning the said slaves; with power to the said trustees, by and with the consent of the petitioner and his said intended wife, to call in the said principal sum of 1500*l.*: Provided always, that in case the said sum should be called in, the same should, with all convenient speed, be invested in the purchase of messuages or lands, or in negro or other slaves, to be settled to such and the same uses, and upon such and the same trusts, and under and subject to such and the same powers, provisos, and agreements, as are in and by the said deed of settlement declared, of and concerning the said twenty-one slaves, or as near thereto as the deaths of parties, or other contingency, would then admit: And it is further declared, that, until the said sum should be so invested, it should be lawful for the said trustees, with such consent, to place out the said sum at interest, upon such securities, and to call in and again place out the same, on such other securities, as they should think proper, as in and by the said deed of settlement, duly executed by the several parties thereto, proved, and recorded in the secretary's office of this island, reference being thereto had, will more fully appear:

“ That the said trustees, by virtue of the powers in them vested, and by and with the approbation of the petitioner and his said wife, called in and received the said principal sum of 1500*l.* and invested the same in the purchase of a certain pen and plantation, and capital messuage and dwelling-house, stores, and other buildings thereon, situate in the said parish of Clarendon, called or known by the name of Toby Abbot's:

“ That, by virtue of a power in the said deed of settlement contained, the said Benjamin Duncomb, one of the trustees therein named, with the approbation of the petitioner and his said wife, hath lately, by deed duly executed, substituted and appointed Francis Smith, of the parish of St. Catherine, gentleman, to be a trustee in his room and stead:

“ That the petitioner's said wife hath some short time since departed this life, leaving issue of their marriage two sons, namely John and James Rodon Savage, both infants, the eldest of whom hath not yet reached his tenth year:

“ That the principal part of the said pen, called Toby Abbot's, consists in the buildings thereon, which are very extensive, but being very old are in need of great repair, and cannot be kept up but at very considerable expence, which can very little benefit either the petitioner or his said sons, inasmuch as there are no slaves on the said pen, nor is it the residence of the petitioner:

“ That the petitioner has been offered, and can obtain, the sum of 4000*l.* for the said pen and premises, if a good title can be given for the same; but which the petitioner is advised, cannot be given, but by the authority of the legislature of this island, empowering the petitioner and his said trustees to sell the same:

“ That the petitioner is seized, in fee simple, of a very valuable coffee plantation, situate in the parish of St David, much more than sufficient to secure the payment of the said sum of 4000*l.* to his children, should they survive him, and which his said trustees are willing to accept as a security for that sum, if sanctioned so to do :

“ That the petitioner hath raised the number of the said slaves, so comprised in the said deed of settlement, as well from the increase as the rents and profits thereof, from twenty-one to fifty-one, and the said sum of 1500*l.* to 4000*l.*; and, if his said trustees were empowered to sell and convey the trust premises, settling the purchase-money to the like uses, the petitioner verily believes it would tend greatly to the benefit of his said children :

“ And praying that the house will refer the same to the consideration of a committee thereof; and, if found true, that the house will grant him such relief in the premises, as to them shall seem meet.”

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Fitch, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Dawson; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

*Resolved,*

Returns of maroons.

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, requesting that he will be pleased to order the several superintendants of the maroon-towns, to make a full and exact return, on oath, of all the maroons, male and female, belonging to the said several towns; mentioning their names and ages, distinguishing such of the men as are old and superannuated, such as are fit to carry arms, boys and children; and to say, if any of them live out of the town, and where; and also to declare, if any of the said maroons are possessed of slaves, and what children such slaves have.

*Resolved, nem. con.*

Resolution for a sword to captain Hamilton.

That, as a testimony of the high sense this house entertain, of the extraordinary gallantry and ability displayed by captain Edward Hamilton, in attacking and cutting out of Porto-Cavello, his majesty's late ship *Hermione*, an enterprise surpassed by none in this glorious war, the receiver-general be directed to remit to the agent, the sum of three hundred guineas, for the purchase of a sword to be presented to captain Hamilton :

*Ordered,*

That the clerk of the house do transmit to captain Hamilton, a copy of the above resolution.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution ;

*Resolved,*

Receiver-general to pay fees on custom-house fees bill.

That the receiver-general do pay the fees on the bill for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year 1711, entitled, “ An act for regulating fees,” as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned, the same being a private bill :

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,*

Ordered,

That the printer of the votes of this house do not, in future, insert on the printed votes, or in the appendix thereto, any accounts against the public, which may be presented to the house on petition, or in messages from the commander in chief, or otherwise, unless the same shall be specially directed by the house to be printed; and that the clerk of this house do hereafter omit to insert such accounts on the manuscript minutes, unless directed as aforesaid.

Accounts annexed to petitions, &c. not to be printed.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house, an extract of a letter from sir John Wentworth, to his honour, dated Halifax, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1799, with several accompanying papers; also a letter from sir John Wentworth to his honour, dated Halifax, August 3<sup>d</sup>, 1799, and the two enclosures therein referred to.

Message from lieutenant-governor, with

“Extract of a letter from sir John Wentworth to the earl of Balcarres, dated Halifax, Nova-Scotia, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1799.

Extracts of letters from sir J. Wentworth.

“I am exceedingly surprised, and not a little mortified, that so highly respectable an assembly should have been deceived into such resolutions against me, as appears upon their journals.

“Conscious of the most disinterested, respectful, and upright motives, towards their interests and honour, and that my whole conduct has been strictly just, and perfectly judicious, proper, and economical, and that it is capable of undeniable, positive, and notoriously obvious proof, I look forward with confidence to their being truly informed, and thereupon doing me that justice, which honourable, wise, and independent men, will always delight in.

“I shall not trespass on this subject, as I beg to refer to a statement of facts relative to this business, herewith enclosed, accompanied with several authentic affidavits and representations, of the most respectable and best informed men.

“From those I think all impartial men will agree, that I have merited thanks, the only reward I ever wished.

“The maroons still refuse to work on their plantations, except those at Boydville, who will soon be competent to their own support.

“I have caused the rations to be withheld for several weeks, while refractory, and shall again resort to that measure, as it may be usefully applied.”

“MY LORD,

Halifax, Nova-Scotia, August 3, 1799.

“The enclosed is a duplicate of a letter, accompanying papers which I hope may, before this can reach your lordship, have made all additions on that subject unnecessary: I, however, herewith enclose the testimonies of two gentlemen of known respectability, as well in private life as in their public station, as members of the house of assembly in this province: If any further proofs, or confirmation, of what has already been presented, could be wanting, there might be as many such like testimonies transmitted, as there are men of character and observation in Nova-Scotia; which the justice, wisdom, and liberality, of the assembly of Jamaica, I am persuaded, will unite to render unnecessary. I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, my lord, your lordship’s most obedient humble servant,

“J. WENTWORTH.

“The right honourable earl Balcarres, lieutenant-governor of Jamaica, &c. &c.”

NOTE,

NOTE, For the papers referred to by sir John Wentworth, see appendix, No. I.

*Ordered,*

That the above message, and the papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Tobis, 7<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

Leave of absence to Mr. Shirley.

Prayers. MR. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Shirley, mentioning his being incapable of attending his duty in the house, from extreme debility, and requesting the indulgence of the house:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley have general leave of absence, during the present session.

Call of the house enforced.

According to order, the list was called over:

And it appearing, that Thomas Murphy and Thomas Anderson, esquires, had absented themselves from their duty in the house, without the leave thereof:

*Ordered,*

That, for the same, they be taken into the custody of the serjeant at arms attending this house; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his warrants accordingly.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, for a return of maroons.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to order the several superintendants of the maroon-towns, to make a full and exact return, on oath, of all the maroons, male and female, belonging to the said several towns; mentioning their names and ages, distinguishing such of the men as are old and superannuated, such as are fit to carry arms, boys, and children; and to say, if any of them live out of the town, and where; and also to declare, if any of the said maroons are possessed of slaves, and what children such slaves have."

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Quier and Mr. Sheriff be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

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The bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time : Additional duty bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time : Poll tax bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time : Deficiency bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses, was read a second time : Rum duty bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to the public service, was read a second time : Land-tax bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder, payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations, was read a second time : Tonnage duty bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarras, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time, was read a second time : Provision embargo bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war, was read a second time : Articles of war bill, read second time.

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*Resolved,*

*Resolved,*

That the said bill, be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Gunpowder bill,  
read second time.

The bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Army baggage bill,  
read second time.

The bill to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Letters of marque  
instructions bill, read  
second time.

The bill for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy; and for other purposes, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Commissioners of  
forts bill, read se-  
cond time.

The bill for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Custom-house fees  
bill, read second  
time.

The bill for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year 1711, entitled, "An act for regulating fees," as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Petition from Tre-  
lawny.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, from the great increase of the culture, population, and produce, of the said parish, and of the trade, navigation, and commerce, of the town and harbour of Falmouth, the present wharves are not sufficient for the safe, speedy, and advantageous shipping and landing of produce, goods, and merchandise:

"That the only two public wharves are situated to leeward of that part of the harbour where the ships moor (when the sea-breeze blows), and between one of them, and the said moorage, there is a ledge of rocks; which situation and circumstances occasion much waste of time, difficulty, and danger:

"That, from the inadequacy of such wharves, and their stores, great quantities of produce, goods, and merchandise, frequently lie long exposed to the weather, and to pilferage, whereby great waste, loss, and damage to the petitioners, is annually sustained; which allegations the petitioners are ready, if permitted, to prove at the bar of the house:

"That, contiguous to the said harbour, there is land well adapted for wharves, docks, and quays, being so situated that craft can sail, with the ordinary sea-breeze, thence

thence to and from the shipping, without tacking on either passage, and the depth of water is sufficient, without rocks or shoals intervening, as appears from an accompanying chart or map of the said harbour :

“ That, by the contrivance of the owner of one of the said wharves, and the connivance or inconsideration of another person, in a deed of conveyance from the former to the latter, a condition was made, to restrict him, his heirs and assigns, from making or suffering to be made, any public wharf or wharves, at or near the said land ; which, from its situation and circumstances, as aforesaid, is most convenient for making wharves, thereby creating a monopoly of the business of the port for the present wharves :

“ That the petitioners conceive such restriction an infringement of his majesty’s royal prerogative, and certainly contrary to public good.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

*Ordered,*

That the letters of the agent to the commissioners of correspondence, of the 7th July and 6th August last, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take into consideration the state of the island. Agent’s letters referred to

Then the house resolved itself into such committee :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Taylor took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows : committee on state of the island ; who report one resolution.

*Resolved,*

That it be recommended to the house to appoint a committee, to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d November, 1792 ; to inquire into the steps that have been taken, in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same ; and to state to the house, how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony ; to inquire into its situation, with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon ; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Grant, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for that purpose.

Then Mr. Taylor acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1747, entitled, “ An act for amending and perpetuating ‘ An act for the more effectual preventing of gaming and suppression of lotteries ;’ ” Motion to repeal gaming act of 1747

*Ordered,*

Bill ordered.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Shaw, be a committee for that purpose.

*Resolved,*

Committee of accounts to hire a clerk.

That the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, be authorized to hire a clerk to attend the said committee; and that this house will make good the expence thereof.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, respecting 20th dragoons.

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, that each regiment of dragoons in the British service, the 20th (or Jamaica) regiment of light dragoons excepted, has on its establishment two lieutenant-colonels :

“ That it appears to his honour, that the appointment of a second lieutenant-colonel to the 20th light dragoons, would be of very essential service, as it would at all times secure the presence of a field officer with the regiment :

“ That the commission of first lieutenant-colonel is filled by a general officer on the staff, who consequently cannot join his regiment :

“ That the regiment being stationary in the island, it seems expedient that the establishment of field officers ought not to be less than that of other regiments, who are not exposed to the inconvenience of a tropical climate :

“ That his honour, representing the utility of having a second lieutenant-colonel, has much pleasure in reflecting, if the house should be pleased to be of the same opinion, and to provide for the expence accordingly, that the nomination may naturally fall on major Gillespie, an officer who was promoted in it on its original formation, and who has served with distinguished credit in various high situations :

“ That the pay necessary to be voted, for the accomplishment of this object, if the house should so approve of it, is 447l. 2s. 6d. sterling, per annum :

“ That his honour therefore submits it to the consideration of the house.”

*Ordered,*

That the above message be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Americus.

Veneris, 8<sup>o</sup> die Novembz, 1799.

Prayers. **M**R. Murphy attending at the bar, in custody of the sergeant at arms, and being asked by Mr. Speaker, why he had absented himself from his duty, without the leave of the house, made his excuse :

And then he was directed to withdraw :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Murphy be discharged, without paying fees.

Mr. Quier, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to regulate the highways ; and to repeal an act entitled, “ An act to repeal the several acts therein mentioned ; and for consolidating into one act, all the acts relating to the highways ;” and also to repeal all other acts relating to the highways ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Fitch, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to repeal an act entitled, “ An act for amending and perpetuating an act entitled, ‘ An act for the more effectual preventing of gaming, and suppression of lotteries,’ passed in the year of our Lord 1747 ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

A petition of John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 141*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* as stated in accounts annexed.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of Blackley, Boyle, and company, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That an account against the public, amounting to 13*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* and duly certified by the St. James’s public commissioners, has legally become the property of the petitioners.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of Simon Adolphus, of the parish of St. Catherine, coach-painter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 30*l.* for one year’s care of the island coach.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above three petitions, and the accounts annexed thereto, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres,

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lieutenant-

Provision embargo bill committed ;

Mr. Murphy attends in custody, and is discharged.

Highway bill presented.

Gaming bill presented.

J. H. Schroeter's petition.

Blackley, Boyle, and company's petition.

Simon Adolphus's petition.

lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Sheriff took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported; Mr. Sheriff, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time.*"

Army baggage bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Jaques took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Jaques, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made one amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house :

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island.*"

Letters of marque instructions bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy; and for other purposes :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shaw took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisal against the enemy; and for other purposes.*"

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications:

Commissioners of  
forts bill commi-  
ted;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Rofs took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Rofs, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.

“An act for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications.”

Ordered,

That the collector and comptroller of His Majesty's customs at the port of Kingston, and also the collector and comptroller at Montego-Bay, do lay before this house, as early as possible, an account of all negroes imported from Africa, into those ports, from the 24th November, 1792, to the 1st instant, specifying the ships, and the number of negroes which have been imported in each such ship; also the dates of their importations respectively: And that the said collectors and comptrollers do also lay before the house, an account of all new negroes exported from this island, within the dates before mentioned, in the like manner.

Returns of new negroes,

Ordered,

That the naval officer do forthwith make a return to this house, of all articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of this island, exported between the 30th September, 1798, and the 30th September last, distinguishing the places to which the same were shipped.

and of produce,  
ordered.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Martis,

Martis, 12<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

Return to Clarendon writ.

A MESSAGE from his honour the lieutenant governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writ of election for the parish of Clarendon; which, with the provost-marshal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that Joseph Israell, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish, in the room of George Atkinson, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated:

And the said Joseph Israell, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly.

Provision embargo bill passed.

The engrossed bill *to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time*, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Army baggage bill passed.

The engrossed bill *to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island*, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Commissioners of forts bill passed.

The engrossed bill *for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications*, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Letters of marque instructions bill passed.

The engrossed bill *for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisal against the enemy; and for other purposes*, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Gaming bill read second time.

The bill to repeal an act entitled, "An act for amending and perpetuating an act entitled, 'An act for the more effectual preventing of gaming, and suppression of lotteries,'" passed in the year of our Lord 1747, was read a second time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Turner's seat vacated.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Dutton Smith Turner, esquire, intimating, that his indisposition might prevent his attending his duty in the house, the present session, and requesting that the house would vacate his seat:

*Ordered,*

That the seat of the said Mr. Turner be vacated, agreeably to his request.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Vere, in the room of Dutton Smith Turner, esquire, whose seat the house have vacated.*" New writ for Vere.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Henckell and Mr. Israell be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message: who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Mr. Mowat, from the committee, to whom the petition of Lauchlan M'Laine, late captain commanding a party of black shot, fitted out from the parish of St. James, was referred; reported, Lauchlan M'Laine's petition reported.

That they had inquired into the allegations set forth in the said petition, and find they are true, and recommend to the house, to allow the petitioner some compensation for his meritorious services, in routing, killing, and taking, some of the rebellious slaves, late in the parish of Trelawny; for the like and dangerous services during the maroon rebellion, and for damages sustained in his professional line.

A petition of James Anderson, superintendent of Charles-Town maroons, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, James Anderson's petition.

" That the petitioner being obliged, by law, to reside in said town the greatest part of the year, and no house having been built for the superintendent, he is obliged to pay rent for one, to his great inconvenience."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above report, and petition, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A petition of the magistrates, freeholders, and inhabitants, of the parish of Clarendon, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Clarendon.

" That the several sums of money hitherto granted by the house, on the new Cave-River road, leading from this parish to the parish of St. Ann, have been found inadequate to the completion of the said road."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the inhabitants of the mountainous part of the parish of Port-Royal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Port-Royal.

" That the road leading from the nine mile-stone, on the windward road, to Phillips's Well plantation, through the Hope coffee plantation, Mr. Weise's pen, Halberstadt, Bloxburgh, and Galloway-House plantations, in the parish of Port-Royal, being about the distance of eight miles, is greatly in want of repair, and scarcely passable:

" That the above-mentioned road will, if properly laid out, be of great utility, inasmuch as it will have a communication with the king's road making through the interior part of this parish to Portland:

" That the petitioners are of themselves unable to accomplish so desirable a purpose."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of Port-Royal and St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Port-Royal and St. David.

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" That

"That the interior grand road of communication, between the east and west end of the island, leads through the upper part of the parish of Port-Royal :

"That many parts of the said road are extremely bad, particularly that part which leads from the bottom of Fall-Hill to the top of Guava ridge :

"That the necessary alterations and repairs which might be made, through the aid and assistance of the house, would render the said road safe and convenient for the petitioners, and their cattle carrying produce to market, and of general utility."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. John.

A petition of the justices, vestrymen, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. John, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the grant of money voted in the last session of assembly, for making the road from the Vale of Luidas to Old Woman Savanna, has been laid out with the utmost economy and fidelity ; but, on account of the great rise of negro-hire, in the present year, has been found insufficient to complete the same :

"That, in order to secure to the public the advantages which ought to arise from the money already expended, a further grant will be necessary."

And praying for relief.

Another from the same.

A petition of the freeholders and others of the parish of St. John, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That a road of communication from Swansea estate, in Luidas, towards Pedro's, in St. Ann's, intersecting the great road leading from Kingston to the leeward parishes, would be an object of great importance to the said parish of St. John, and to the country at large, by shortening the distance, and facilitating the access from the plantations in St. John to the nearest pens in St. Ann, and also by affording an encouragement to settle that vast tract of valuable land, in the back part of St. Ann's, which at present remains unopened and inaccessible :

"That the opening of this new road would, in time, probably be the means of bringing about a communication between this extensive tract of wood-land in St. Ann's, the black grounds of Trelawny, and the interior of St. Elizabeth's :

"That, in times of floods, when Rio-Magno-Gully and the Bog-Walk River are impassable, which very often happens, the said road would be a great acquisition to all the north side inhabitants, by affording them access to Spanish-Town, through Guanaboa."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above five petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Custom-house fees bill committed ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year of our Lord 1711, entitled, "An act for regulating fees ;" as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island ; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels ; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shaw took the chair of the committee.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill: where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.  
“ *An act for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year of our Lord 1711, entitled, ‘ An act for regulating fees,’ as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned.*”

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for abolishing the receiver-general's commissions, (except as shall be therein excepted) and for granting him an annual salary in lieu thereof; Motion for salary to receiver-general;

Ordered,

That Mr. Grant, Mr. Quier, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Dawson, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

Ordered,

That the secretary of this island do forthwith lay before the house, a copy of the patent for the office of receiver general, and a copy of the deputation to William Mitchell, esquire. Copy of receiver-general's patent and deputation; and

Ordered,

That the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, do forthwith inquire into and report to the house, the emoluments and fees arising from the office of the receiver-general, upon an average, for the last five years, together with the amount of the contingent charges and losses, and also the consideration paid by the receiver-general. Account of his fees, &c. ordered.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

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Mercurii, 13<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.Return to Port-  
Royal writ.

*Diapers.* A MESSAGE from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writ of election for the parish of Port-Royal; which, with the provost-marshal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that James Stewart, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish, in the room of Samuel Whitehorne Barnett, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated:

And the said James Stewart, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly.

Custom-house fees  
bill passed.

The engrossed bill, for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year of our Lord 1711, entitled, "An act for regulating fees," as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Gaming bill passed.

The engrossed bill to repeal an act entitled, "An act for amending and perpetuating an act entitled, 'An act for the more effectual preventing of gaming, and suppression of lotteries,' passed in the year of our Lord 1747, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch and Mr. Stewart (of Port Royal) be a committee to carry the above engrossed bills, and also the engrossed bills of yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Chief-Justice.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Chief-Justice, stating that he was confined with a severe fit of the gout, and requesting leave of absence, till his health would permit him to attend:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Chief-Justice have general leave of absence, during the present session.

Petition from St.  
Ann.

A petition of sundry magistrates, vestrymen, and freeholders, of the parish of St. Ann, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the sum of 400*l.* granted in the last session, to be laid out on the road from Winefield pen to Pedro's River, hath been faithfully and judiciously expended; but, from the magnitude of the object, hath proved insufficient."

And praying for relief.

Another from the  
same.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. Ann, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That a road hath been lately tracked from the Vale of Luidas to the Moneague, through a large district of uncultivated land, hitherto imperfectly known:

"That the same will open an easy communication across the island, and will facilitate the carriage of produce, by presenting to the estates in that Vale, a barquadier at Ocho Rios-Bay, ten miles less remote, than that to which they are at present compelled to resort:

"That,

“ That, from the Moneague to Ocho-Rios-Bay, the road is easy and wainable, except that part of it which passes through the gully to Daniel’s Steps, a distance nearly of four miles :

“ That, on account of the extreme narrowness of the gully, and the number of rocks, carriages cannot yet pass, although much labour has been expended to remove those obstacles.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of Clarendon, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Clarendon.

“ That of late years, several coffee and other plantations have been established, and are now settling on that district in said parish, commonly known by the name of the Main Ridge, where there still remain large parcels of rich and uncultivated lands :

“ That, in the last session, the sum of 200*l.* was granted for the improvement of a road in said district, which hath been faithfully expended, but has proved insufficient.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of St. Mary and St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from St. Mary and St. Thomas in the Vale.

“ That a road has been laid out from Indian-River, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Palmeto-Grove, in St. Mary, as formerly represented on petition to the house :

“ That the road from Port-Maria to Palmeto-Grove works, has been a carriage-road for some years past :

“ That the completing the said road will not only be a very great advantage to the settlers in the vicinity of Port-Maria, and the settlers in the parishes of St. Thomas in the Vale and St. Mary, but also the most general and shortest road of communication between Spanish-Town and Port-Maria :

“ That the grants hitherto made, for the improvement of the said road, have been faithfully expended, but have proved insufficient :

“ That the petitioners are unable to raise money to make good such deficiency.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of Port-Royal, St. Andrew, and Kingston, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Port-Royal, St. Andrew, and Kingston.

“ That several of the petitioners have been at very great expence, in making a road from Hope-River to Tranquillity plantation, which goes in a direction to join the great Swift-River road ; which, aided by grants from the house, has been faithfully expended, but has proved insufficient :

“ That, from the difficult country and steep land which the said road passes through, the petitioners are unable to complete the same.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and others, inhabitants of the parish of Port-Royal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Port-Royal.

“ That the road leading from the Botanic Garden in Liguanea, to Fall-hill, in the upper part of the parish of Port-Royal, has, by the late rains, been greatly injured, and rendered in many places dangerous and unsafe to pass :

“ That, unless a sum of money is granted by the house, to repair the same, the petitioners will be retarded in conveying their produce to market :

“ That the petitioners are unable of themselves to keep the same in repair.”

And praying for relief.

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Ordered,

*Ordered,*

That the above six petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Rebecca Pleasure  
Wilton's petition.

A petition of Rebecca Pleasure Wilton, of the parish of Trelawny, a free quadroon woman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, before and on the 3d April, 1798, resided at a house situated at Red-Hill, near the lagoon, in the parish of Trelawny; on the night of which day, a body of armed negroes entered the said house, and threatened every person in it, among whom were included five of the petitioner's children:

"That the said negroes, some short time after, receded from their threats, but ransacked the house, and took thereout as much of the furniture, bedding, and cloathing, as they could carry away, and set fire to and destroyed the remainder:

"That the petitioner hath thereby been reduced to the greatest distress, to acquire a maintenance for herself and family, and been obliged to contract debts:

"That a statement of the petitioner's losses is annexed."

And praying for relief.

And a motion being made, that the above petition do lie on the table; to be perused by the members;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it passed in the negative.

*Ordered,*

That the said petition be referred to Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Shaw; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

James Thomas Riley's  
petition.

A petition of James Thomas Riley, of the parish of St. Ann, merchant, administrator of John Lloyd Bishop, late of the said parish, carpenter, deceased, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the assembly, satisfied with the justice and propriety of an account annexed, did, in the year 1792, direct that the same should be paid, from monies raised by the additional poll-tax act, passed that year:

"That the petitioner, on applying at the receiver-general's office for payment, was told, that the surplus money arising from the said act, had already been carried to the account of loss and gain, and could not be transferred therefrom."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Henry, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal); that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Taylor took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report one resolution.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows:

That

That it be recommended to the house, to refer his honour the lieutenant-governor's third message of the 13th March last, and the papers therewith sent, and also his honour's message of the 6th instant, and the papers therewith sent, to a special committee; and that the said committee do report their opinion thereon to the house.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Grant, Mr. Henry, Mr. Mowat, Mr. C. Mitchell, and Mr. Reid, be a committee for that purpose; that five be a quorum; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

Then Mr. Taylor acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed to inspect the gaols in the county of Surrey, and to report forthwith to the house, the effects which have resulted from the operation of the seventh clause of an act entitled, "An act for the further relief of insolvent debtors, imprisoned for debt," passed in the 35th year of the reign of his present majesty;

Committee to inspect gaols in Surrey.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Christie, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. Ker, be a committee for that purpose; that five be a quorum; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Murphy be added to the committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d November, 1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken, in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same; and to state to the house how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation, with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion, how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government.

Members added to committee on state of the colony.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Akman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Jovis, 14<sup>o</sup> die Novembz, 1799.Receiver-general's  
salary bill presented.

Papers. **M**R. Grant, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for abolishing the receiver-general's commissions, (except as therein excepted) and for granting him an annual salary in lieu thereof; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Thursday next.

Receiver-general to  
be heard by counsel;

A motion being made, that William Mitchell, esquire, a member of this house, may be permitted to be heard, in his capacity of receiver-general, at the bar of the house, by his counsel, against the above bill, on the second reading thereof;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered,

and to have a copy  
of the bill.

That the clerk of this house do give the said William Mitchell, esquire, or his agent, a copy of the said bill.

Leave of absence  
to Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Anderson, mentioning that, from indisposition, he was apprehensive he should not be able to attend his duty in the house during the present session, and requesting general leave of absence:

Ordered,

That the warrant against Mr. Anderson be withdrawn, on paying his fees.

Ordered,

That Mr. Anderson, upon payment of such fees, have general leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Account of unex-  
pended road grants  
presented.

Mr. William Mitchell, the receiver-general, in his place, presented to the house, an account of what money is remaining due by the public, being part of the balances of 507*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* and 8043*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* stated by the receiver-general, 15th November, 1798, to have been unpaid of the grants made prior to and in the session of 1797, for carrying on and completing the public roads; also, an account of what money is remaining due and unpaid, being part of the grant of 12,000*l.* voted in the deficiency law, passed 14th March, 1799, for the public roads; and also a certificate relative to the duties on prize-goods:

And the said accounts, and certificate, being severally read, are as follows:

*An account of what money is remaining due by the public, being part of the balances of 507*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.* and 8043*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* stated by the receiver-general, 15th November, 1798, to have been unpaid of the grants made prior to and in the sessions of 1797, for carrying on and completing the public roads.*

No.		£.	s.	d.
6	Road from Louisburgh estate, in St. Mary, to Glengoffe's	-	-	22 17 6
9	Road from Cave-River, through Bog-Hole, in Clarendon	-	-	300 0 0
13	Road from Clarke's River to Bath and to Port-Antonio	-	-	100 0 0
14	Road from New-Monkland, in Blue-Mountain-Valley, to Hagley-Gap, in St. David	-	-	79 15 0
15	Road from Mount-Maurice, in Port-Royal, through Westphalia and Mount-Hybla	-	-	50 0 0
19	Road from Eden, in St. George, to Silver-Hill	-	-	355 4 10
23	Road from Great-River bridge, to the lines of Westmorland and Hanover	-	-	200 0 0
24	Road from Glasgow estate to Lucea	-	-	5 16 3
25	Road from Glasgow estate to Green-Island	-	-	11 0 0
26	Road in St. Elizabeth and St. James, called the Eldersley road	-	-	170 8 4
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No.		l.	s.	d.
27	Road from Pepper pen, to the fig-tree, in Clarendon	200	0	0
28	Road in St. Elizabeth and St. James, called the Chesterfield road	362	5	11
30	Road in St. Ann, from Hull's gate, westward	186	1	7
31	Road in St. Ann, from Voce's to Hull's gate	67	12	1
32	Road from Palmeto-Grove to St. Thomas in the Vale	13	0	3
33	Road to avoid Roaring-River Hill, in St. Ann	13	7	11
34	Road from the foot of Deares's mountain to Stoney-Hill	8	5	10
35	Road from Bog-Walk, to St. Thomas in the Vale and St. Andrew	31	0	0
37	Road from Temple-Hall gate to Tom's River	32	6	2
38	Road from Tom's River to Agualta-Vale	19	6	3
41	Road from Hope estate to the Botanic Garden	6	19	7
42	Road from Pepper pen to Dry-River (trustees of)	300	0	0
45	Road from Kelly's pen, or the great St. Ann's road	95	4	6
46	Road from Montego-Bay, to the interfection of the St. Ann's road	748	13	6
47	Road from the Bath road, through Nanny-Town, to the road from Swift-River to Silver-Hill	42	1	3
48	Road from Williamsfield to Yates's, in St. Thomas in the Vale	50	3	5
53	Road through Mile-Gully	120	5	7
56	Road from Spanish-Town to St. Mary, through Burton's and Mickleton, in St. Thomas in the Vale	50	0	0
62	Road from Milk-River to St. Elizabeth, over Plowden-Hill	200	0	0
65	Road from Bath, through M'Eachern's, to join the Port-Antonio road	110	5	10
66	Road from Yallahs-River to Stoney-Valley River, in St. David	99	12	6
71	Road from Tranquillity to Hope-River	20	0	0
76	Road from Cuniffe's pen, in Trelawny, leading to One-Eye estate, in St. Elizabeth	200	0	0
78	Road from St. Elizabeth, through Culloden, Ackendown, and Robin's River, to Little-River, in Westmorland	121	15	0
80	Road from the Hanover line, through Bull-head pen, to Blacknefs, in Westmorland	150	0	0
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*An account of what money is remaining due and unpaid, being part of the grant of 12,000l. voted in the deficiency law, passed the 14th March, 1799, for the public roads.*

Grants.	No.		£.	s.	d.
£.150	1	Road from Ludlow estate, in Clarendon, to the Vale of Luidas. Paid.			
250	3	Road from St. Ann's Bay to Winefield. Paid.			
150	4	Road in St. Mary, No. 55, or Parker's Vale road	150	0	0
150	6	Road from Louifburgh estate, in St. Mary, to Glengoffe's	150	0	0
150	7	Road from Aleppo estate, in St. Mary, to the interfection of the road from Port-Maria to Spanish-Town	150	0	0
200	8	Road from Richmond estate, in St. Mary, to the line of St. Thomas in the Vale	200	0	0
100	10	Road from the Vale of Luidas to Old Woman Savanna, in Clarendon	100	0	0
		Paid on account thereof	90	15	7
150	11	Road from Hog-Hole to Indian-River. Paid.			
250	12	Road from Guy's Hill to the road leading to Spanish-Town	250	0	0
200	17	Road from the Ridge, on the road from Bath to Port-Antonio, to Seaman's Valley	200	0	0
				200	18 Road

Grants.	No.		£.	s.	d.
200	18	Road from Bath to the ridge on the road leading to Port-Antonio	200	0	0
500	19	Road from Eden, in St. George, to Silver-Hill. Paid.			
200	20	Road through the mountains, by Darliston, to Lenox	200	0	0
		Paid on account thereof	43	5	9
200	22	Road from Biddeford, in Trelawny, to St. Ann	-		
400	26	Road in St. Elizabeth and St. James, called the Elderfley road: Two grants	-		
400	28	Road in St. Elizabeth and St. James, called the Chesterfield road: Two grants	-		
400	29	Road from Great-River, across the Chesterfield road, to Norman's Valley. Paid	-		
100	32	Road from Palmeto-Grove to St. Thomas in the Vale. Paid.			
45	45	Road from Kelly's, &c, or the great St. Ann's road: Three grants in the poll-tax law	1000	0	0
		Paid on account thereof	323	10	0
		(N. B. This sum is not included in the 12,000l.)	676	10	0
300	47	Road from the Bath road, through Nanny-Town, to the road from Swift-River to Silver Hill	-		
150	52	Road from Indian-River to Palmeto-Grove, in St. Mary, grant	150	0	0
		Paid on account thereof	104	2	2
200	53	Road through Mile-Gully	-		
100	54	Road through Crescent pen, in St. Catherine, to St. John	-		
400	55	Road from Guanaboa, across the mountains, to Bye-Brook, in St. Thomas in the Vale. Paid.	-		
200	57	Road from Williamsfield, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to the boundary of St. Mary	200	0	0
		Paid on account thereof	19	8	9
100	58	Road from Orange-River to doctor Page's, in St. Mary	-		
200	59	Road from Mortar-Hill, to the intersection of the road from St. Thomas in the Vale, to Port-Maria	-		
400	60	Road from St. Ann's Bay to Pedro-River	-		
400	61	Road from Salt-River, in Vere, through the Cockpit lands. Paid.	-		
200	64	Road from Sandy-River to Seaman's Valley, in Portland	-		
300	65	Road from Bath, through McEachern's, to the Port-Antonio road. Paid.	-		
300	67	Road from Llandewy to the tenth mile-stone. Paid.	-		
200	70	Road from Fox's plantation to the foot of the hill in St. George. Paid.	-		
400	71	Road from Tranquillity to Hope-River. Paid.	-		
200	72	Road from Yallah's River to Silburn's gate	-		
200	74	Road over Mayday-hill, in St. Elizabeth	200	0	0
		Paid on account thereof	58	15	0
300	75	Road from the Alps, in Trelawny, leading to Hector's River, in St. Elizabeth. Paid	-		
200	77	Road from the Frame, over the hills above Dean's Valley, to Carpenter's Hill, in Westmorland	-		
250	78	Road from St. Elizabeth, through Culloden, Ackendown, and Robin's River, to Little-River, in Westmorland	-		
150	79	Road from Parker's Bay to Lenox, in Westmorland	-		
			300	81	Road

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Grants.	No.		f.	s.	d.
300	81	Road from Chigwell pen to Carpenter's Hill, in Hanover	300	0	0
130	84	Road in St. Andrew to Cold-Spring. Paid.			
300	85	Road from Stoney-Hill to Annotto-Bay	300	0	0
100	86	Road to avoid a high hill on the road from Mount-Charles to Wag-Water	100	0	0
100	87	Road from Charles-Town to Tranquillity	100	0	0
170	88	Road from Swift-River to Hope-Bay	170	0	0
200	89	Road from Annotto-Bay to the Dry-River road. Paid.			
200	90	Road from Dry-River road to the church, &c. at Buff-Bay. Paid.			
150	91	Road called the Main Ridge road, in Clarendon	150	0	0
100	92	Road from Louisburgh works, to join the Koningburgh road, in St. Mary	100	0	0
50	93	Road leading from Hunter's mountain, in St. Mary	50	0	0
50	94	Road called the Belmont road, in St. Mary	50	0	0
50	95	Road called the Hopewell road, in St. Mary	50	0	0
500	96	Road from Tom's Spring to Buxton, in Hanover. Paid.			
300	97	Road from the intersection of the Dromilly road, near the Spring-head, thence to near Blue-Hole, in Norman's Valley	300	0	0
	98	Road. The great windward road through the parish of St. David; a grant in the sessions of 1797; not worked out	600	0	0

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CHENEY HAMILTON, p. R. G.

In obedience to an order of the honourable house of assembly, "That the receiver-general do forthwith lay before the house, an account of all monies received by him, for duties on prize-goods, since the 7th day of March, 1799:"

I do certify, that no duty on prize-goods hath been received, since the above stated period.

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T. TOWNSHEND, p. R. G.

The house being informed that the secretary of the island attended at the door, he was called in, and at the bar presented to the house, according to order, a copy of the patent for the office of receiver-general; also a copy of the deputation to William Mitchell, esquire:

Receiver-general's  
patent and deputation.

And then he withdrew:

And the said copies being severally read;

Ordered,

That the above account, certificates, and copies, do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, to whom the petition of Aaron Nunes Henriques was referred, reported,

A. N. Henriques's  
petition reported.

That they had taken the same into consideration, and find the allegations to be true, and recommend to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 500*l.* with the interest due thereon, to the said Aaron Nunes Henriques, he giving sufficient security, to be approved of by a board of the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts, for indemnifying the public against all losses or demands in respect to the public certificate, No. 99, of date 28th March, 1796, bearing an interest of 10*l.* per centum per annum.

Ordered,

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

William Dance's  
petition.

A petition of William Dance, late deputy-marshal for Kingston, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the sum of 41*l.* 2*s* 6*d.* is due to the petitioner, being for money advanced for the maintenance of prisoners confined in Kingston gaol."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition, and the account thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.  
Ann.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the inhabitants of the parish of St. John, and particularly those of the vale of Luidas, having long experienced great inconvenience, in the carriage of their produce to the present distant barquadier, on the south side of the island, have at length discovered the practicability of shipping their produce at Ocho-Rios-Bay, in the parish of St. Ann, by perfecting a road, which has already been tracked, from Luidas-Vale to the Moneague, which shortens their carriage nearly ten miles:

"That this will not only tend to the mutual benefit of the two parishes, but to the general good of the island, by opening a communication through a tract of land at present uncultivated, and which, in rainy seasons, will afford a secure road to the towns, when the present road through St. Thomas in the Vale is rendered impassable, by the overflow of the rivers."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the East.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioners have engaged in the settlement of lands in the interior parts of the said parish, and have a considerable length of roads to make through wood-land to lead them to their respective settlements, known by the names of Glenmoy and the Whim plantations:

"That there is a very large and extensive tract of valuable uncultivated land, through which the aforesaid roads go, to the said settlements; the cultivation of which would be much accelerated, was there a good road made to the said settlements:

"That the petitioners are of themselves unable to accomplish the aforesaid roads, without the aid of the house."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea."

Another from the  
same.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there are twenty-nine sugar plantations, sundry coffee plantations, and a considerable number of other settlements, in the district of Morant-Bay and Blue-Mountain-Valley:

"That

“ That upwards of 4000 hogheads of sugar, 2000 puncheons of rum, and a very considerable quantity of coffee, besides pimento, logwood, and other articles, are annually shipped from said district :

“ That Petersfield wharf is the only place at which such produce is or can be shipped, and where all the supplies for the said estates and settlements are and must be landed :

“ That there are upwards of twenty stores erected at the said wharf, for the storage of goods, each of which stores is rented to one of the said estates as a private store, at the annual rent of 16*l*. :

“ That there are not any other stores at said wharf :

“ That, exclusive of such rent, the petitioners have cheerfully paid the charges allowed by an act entitled, “ An act to amend an act entitled, ‘ An act to regulate wharfage and storage,’ so far as relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay : ”

“ That the wharfingers of Kingston, some time in the year 1797, having applied by petition to the house, for an act to increase the rates of wharfage in the town of Kingston, Christopher Moore, the wharfinger at the said Petersfield wharf, without any notice to the petitioners, preferred his petition to have the said wharf included in the said act ;

“ That an act was accordingly obtained, according to the prayer of the petition of the wharfingers of Kingston, and no opposition having been given by the petitioners, they being ignorant of such application of the said Christopher Moore, the said Petersfield wharf was included therein :

“ That, from the vast quantity of produce shipped, and supplies landed, as before stated, at the said wharf, and which must continue to be there shipped and landed, there being no other place at Morant-Bay, where another wharf could be erected ; and, from all the stores being rented out to individuals, the emoluments are very considerable, and such as will not only fully indemnify the proprietors of the said wharf, for all expences they may be put unto in keeping in repair, and carrying on and conducting the business of, the said wharf, but will give them a very handsome neat sum annually :

“ That the petitioners submit, that the said Christopher Moore had not any grounds for his application to the house, for a further increase of wharfage :

“ That, under the operation of the present law, no less than 87½ *per cent.* is charged, as may appear by accounts which can be produced to the house.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Christie, and Mr. Henry ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

A petition of Judith Silvera, widow, and David Feurtado and David Pereira Mendes, merchants, all of the parish of Kingston, executrix and executors of the last will and testament of Aaron Silvera, late of the parish of St. Andrew, planter, deceased, and also trustees and guardians of the children and devisees of the said Aaron Silvera, and of Abraham Silvera, one of the sons and devisees of the said Aaron Silvera, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition of Judith Silvera and others.

“ That the said Aaron Silvera was, in his life-time, seized and possessed of a coffee plantation, in the parish of St. Andrew, called Brandon-Hill, and also of a

moiety of another coffee plantation, called Mount-Ogle, and was also possessed, for the term of the natural life of one Abraham Silvera, of the other moiety of the said plantation, called Mount-Ogle, and was also seized and possessed of certain pens and pieces of land :

“ That, being so seized and possessed, the said Aaron Silvera made and duly published his last will and testament, whereby he devised all his estate to the petitioners first named, in trust to pay his debts, and to raise certain portions for his daughters; and then, in trust, to permit the petitioner, Judith his widow, to take the rents and profits of the said coffee plantation, called Brandon-Hill, and of his moiety of Mount-Ogle, until the petitioner, Abraham Silvera, should attain his age of twenty-one years; and then he gave his share of Mount-Ogle to the petitioner Abraham in fee; and the petitioner, Judith Silvera, was then to continue to take the rents and profits of Brandon Hill to her own use, till his son Moses should attain the age of twenty-one years, at which time the testator gave one-third part of the said Brandon-Hill plantation, to his said son Moses in fee: And the petitioner Judith, was to continue to receive the rents and profits of two-thirds of the said plantation called Brandon-Hill, until the said testator's son Isaac should attain the age of twenty-one years; at which time his said son Isaac was to become entitled to one other third of the said plantation in fee: And the petitioner, Judith Silvera, was to continue to receive and take the rents and profits of the remaining one-third of the said plantation, called Brandon-Hill, until his the said testator's son Benjamin should attain his age of twenty-five years; at which time he was to become entitled to the remaining one-third of the said plantation in fee: And the residue and remainder of his estate, after making certain provisions for the petitioner Judith, the testator declared to be in trust for his four sons aforesaid, share and share alike :

“ That the said testator subjected all his estate, real and personal, to the raising portions for his three daughters, and to the payment of certain demands and legacies under the will of his the said testator's mother, and he empowered his said trustees and executors to sell any part of his estate, if it should become necessary, for the payment of such debts or demands.

“ That the said Aaron Silvera departed this life without having revoked or altered said will, leaving his said four sons and three daughters him surviving :

“ That the petitioner, the said Judith Silvera, under the trust for her benefit, entered into possession of the said two coffee plantations; and, as the acting executrix and trustee of and under the said will, entered into possession of the other part of the said testator's estate, real and personal :

“ That the produce of the said plantation and estate have not as yet been sufficient, for the purpose of paying off the debts and demands to which the same are subjected by the said testator, nor to raise the portions for his said daughters, which are by the said will appointed to be raised :

“ That the petitioners have now an offer of a very great annual rent for the said two coffee plantations, and two pens, part of the said real estate, and of undoubted security for the due and punctual payment of the same; and that the persons offering to rent the same, shall make good the slaves to be rented, and leave the said premises in a very high and improved state of cultivation, at the end of a specified term, provided the petitioners could execute a valid lease for the same :

“ That it will be greatly for the advantage of all parties concerned, and particularly of the minor children of the said Aaron Silvera, if the petitioners were empowered

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powered to grant a good and valid lease of the said premises, for a term not exceeding ten years from this time ; the annual rent which is offered for the same, and for the payment of which good security is also offered, far exceeding any sum which can be reasonably expected to arise from the neat proceeds of the said premises :

" That the petitioner, Abraham Silvera, has attained his age of twenty one years, and Benjamin Silvera, the testator's second son, who is now near twenty years of age, is well satisfied it would be for the interest of all parties, that such lease should be made : That Moses Silvera, the third son of the said testator, is now about sixteen years of age, and Isaac Silvera, the younger son, is now about fourteen years of age :

" And praying that a bill may be brought in, authorizing the petitioners to execute and grant a lease of the said premises, for such term as to the house shall seem meet, and upon such conditions and provisos as may seem proper ; the rents and profits to be paid and applied, and go, in such manner as the rents, issues, and profits, of the same premises would be paid, applied, and go, under the will of the said Aaron Silvera."

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Fitch, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Henry ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A motion being made, that the petition of sundry inhabitants of the parish of Trelawny, presented to the house on the 7th instant, and ordered, to lie on the table, be again read ;

Trelawny petition referred.

And the same being read accordingly ;

*Ordered,*

That the said petition be referred to Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Francklyn, and Mr. Mowat ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts with their opinion thereon, to the house ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to extend the powers given to the commissioners, appointed by an act of the 32d George 3d, for building a stone bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine ;

Motion to amend Rio-Cobre bridge act :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. W. Mitchell, and Mr. Lyon, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

*Resolved,*

That this house entertain a high sense of the services derived to this island, from the zeal and activity of Samuel Brooking, esquire, captain of his majesty's ship Jamaica, during the period of three years, when the protection of the coasting trade and navigation thereof was under his direction ; and that the receiver-general do pay to his agent, the sum of one hundred guineas, for the purchase of a sword, as a testimony of the favourable opinion this house entertain of his meritorious conduct.

Resolution for a sword to captain Brooking.

Then

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Robert Whitfinch  
attends in custody;

Prayers. THE serjeant at arms being called to the bar, and asked by Mr. Speaker, whether he had executed the warrant directed by the house, on the fifth instant, to be issued for taking into his custody the body of Robert Whitfinch, collecting constable for the parish of St. Thomas in the East; informed the house, that the said Robert Whitfinch was now in his custody:

*Ordered,*

That the serjeant at arms do forthwith bring the said Robert Whitfinch in custody to the bar of the house; and that he be reprimanded by Mr. Speaker, for his contempt of the house, in not obeying their order of the 22d February last, for his attendance at the bar of the house:

And the said Robert Whitfinch being brought to the bar of the house, in custody of the serjeant at arms, was reprimanded by Mr. Speaker accordingly.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

*Ordered,*

and is discharged.

That the said Robert Whitfinch be discharged out of custody, on paying his fees.

Stamp Duty Bill  
read second time.

The bill for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, on Tuesday next.

Commissioners of  
public accounts bill  
presented.

Mr. Cuthbert, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to appoint certain commissioners, to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday-next.

St. James and close-  
harbour company's  
petitions reported:

Mr. Mowat, from the committee, to whom the petitions of the magistrates and vestry of the parish of St. James, and of the president, directors, and stockholders, of the close-harbour company, were referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations set forth in the said petitions severally, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for effecting the purposes mentioned in the said petitions.

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Mowat, Mr. Israell, and Mr. Róis, be a committee for that purpose.

William Savage's  
petition reported.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, to whom the petition of William Savage, of the parish of Kingston, esquire, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and are of opinion, that

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that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer thereof.

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Dawson, be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, to whom the petition of Alexander Steel and Henry Paulett, proprietors of Venture plantation, near Cox-heath pen, in the parish of Trelawny, was referred, reported.

Steel and Paulett's petition reported.

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend the petitioners as proper objects for the consideration and favour of the house, in the premises contained in the said petition.

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A petition of Thomas Partington, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by Francis Smith, of the parish of St. Catherine, esquire, one of his attornies in this island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Thomas Partington's petition;

"That his present majesty, by his letters patent, dated the 10th September, 1776, did give and grant unto Thomas Walley Partington, his heirs and assigns, the office of receiver of certain duties, impositions, and payments, then due or payable, or which thereafter should be due or payable, to his majesty, his heirs or successors, in this island, therein particularly mentioned, during the natural life of George Germain, esquire, second son of the right honourable George Germain, esquire:

"That the said Thomas Walley Partington departed this life, in the month of March, 1791, leaving the petitioner his only son and heir at law and devisee:

"That the said George Germain is still living, and his majesty's said royal patent unrevoked, and in full force and effect:

"That the petitioner is informed, a bill is brought into the house, 'for abolishing the receiver-general's commission, (except as therein is excepted) and for granting him an annual salary in lieu thereof:'

"That the said bill, if passed into a law, will interfere with, and be very detrimental to, the interests and rights of the petitioner, under the said patent:

"And praying that he may have a copy of the said bill, and to give evidence, and be heard by counsel thereon, at the bar of the house."

*Resolved,*

That the petitioner be permitted to produce evidence, and to be heard by counsel, at the bar of the house, against the said bill, agreeably to the prayer of his petition, on the second reading thereof.

Prayer granted.

*Resolved,*

That the counsel for William Mitchell, esquire, the receiver-general, and for the petitioner, be heard against the said bill together, on the same day.

*Ordered,*

That the petitioner have a copy of the said bill, upon paying the clerk for the same.

A petition of Charles Douglass, James Anderson, and Thomas March, superintendants of the negro-towns, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from superintendants of negro-towns.

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"That

"That the petitioners did, in the session of 1798, present their petition to the house, stating the several inconveniencies under which they laboured, from the operation of recent laws, and the very considerable increase in the price of every necessary of life, since the establishment of the salaries of the several superintendants, and praying to be relieved; whereupon the house granted an additional salary of 50*l.* to each of the petitioners, for the present year:

"That the petitioners are still under the same difficulties."

And praying for relief.

Thomas March's  
petition.

A petition of Thomas March, superintendant of Scott's Hall maroon-town, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner is obliged by law, to reside constantly in the said town; and there being no house appropriated for his residence, the house hath heretofore allowed him, annually, the sum of 50*l.* to defray the expence of lodgings:

"That, without such the further favour of the house, the expence will fall on the petitioner."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Adam Willis's peti-  
tion.

A petition of Adam Willis, of the parish of Trelawny, practitioner in physic and surgery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the public is indebted to the petitioner in the sum of 32*l.* 11*s.* 8½*d.* for medicines furnished, and attendance on, the Trelawny black shot, employed on service against the rebellious runaway slaves."

And praying for relief.

John Fenton's peti-  
tion.

A petition of John Fenton, of the parish of St. Elizabeth, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the sums specified in accounts annexed, are due to the petitioner, for sundry articles supplied the troops, when stationed on Oxford estate."

And praying for relief.

Elizabeth Stoney's  
petition.

A petition of Elizabeth Stoney, widow, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the public is indebted to the petitioner, in the sum of 48*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for rations supplied a guard of militia, by the late Thomas Stoney, deceased."

And praying for relief.

Roger Dobson's pe-  
tition.

A petition of Roger Dobson, of the parish of Trelawny, on behalf of Bounty-hall, Tileston, Wakefield, Friendship, and Bunker's hill estates, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the public is indebted to the said estates, in the sum of 61*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* for the hire of carts, cart-men, cattle, and negroes, furnished for the public service, by order of the Trelawny commissioners."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above four petitions, and the accounts thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of Vere, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That

"That a road was some years ago opened from Vere to Old-Harbour, over Hayes's and Harris's Savanna, and was supported by some grants from the assembly, as well as by a considerable parochial allotment :

"That a great part of the said road is in the parish of Clarendon, on which no allotments are allowed :

"That the said road is at present in such bad condition, as to be scarcely passable." And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of Vere, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Vere.

"That the road through the cockpit lands, from Salt-River to the junction of the road leading from Clarendon to Long's wharf and Old-Harbour, not being permanent, a further public grant is necessary."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of James Ferguson, of the parish of Trelawny, on behalf of his reputed mulatto children, named William Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Charles Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, John Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Catherine Ferguson, and Jean Ferguson, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, James Ferguson's petition.

"That the petitioner hath caused his said several reputed children to be baptized, and educated in the principles of the Christian religion, and in the communion of the church of England, as by law established, and hath brought them up in a decent and reputable manner :

"That the petitioner has it in his power to bestow on his said several reputed children, such fortune as will raise them considerably above the level of people of colour in general ; but, from the unfortunate circumstance of their birth, they are subject and liable to the same rules of government, and to the same pains and penalties, as free negroes and mulattoes are, who have not property nor education :

"And praying that the house will give leave for a bill to be brought in, to extend to the petitioner's said several reputed children, and to their issue, the same privileges as have been heretofore granted to persons in the same circumstances."

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Jaques ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

*Ordered,*

That the secretary of this island do forthwith lay before the house, a copy of the deputation to James Mitchell, esquire, late receiver-general, from the patentee of that office. Copy of deputation to late receiver-general ordered.

*Ordered,*

That the naval officer do forthwith lay before the house, an exact statement of all the imports into this island, from the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1798, to the 1<sup>st</sup> September last, distinguishing dry goods, provisions, lumber of every description, coals, Return of imports ordered.  
wines,

wines, brandy, and other spirituous liquors; particularizing the ports where shipped from, and the ports of this island where entered.

*Ordered,*

Copy of resolution  
for a sword to be  
sent to captain  
Brooking.

That the clerk of the house do transmit to captain Brooking, of his majesty's ship Jamaica, a copy of the resolution of the house, of yesterday, directing the receiver-general to pay to his agent the sum of one hundred guineas, for the purchase of a sword, as a testimony of the favourable opinion the house entertain of his meritorious conduct.

*Ordered,*

Members added to  
committee of ac-  
counts.

That Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal) and Mr. Ker be added to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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Commissioners of  
public accounts bill,  
read second time.

*Prayers.* THE bill to appoint certain commissioners, to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mayday-hill road  
bill, read second  
time

The bill for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from St. Jago de la Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at Dry River, in the parish of Clarendon; and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

W. Savage's trust  
bill presented.

Mr. Fitch, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for empowering William Savage, of the parish of Kingston, esquire, and certain other persons therein named or described, to sell, and dispose of, certain trust property, and to invest the money to arise from such sale, and disposal, in good and sufficient security, for the benefit of the persons interested; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Shirley, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to appoint certain commissioners,

commissioners, for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Board of works bill presented.

The house being informed, that the secretary of the island attended at the door, he was called in, and at the bar, presented to the house, according to order, a copy of the deputation to James Mitchell, esquire, late receiver-general, from the patentee of that office:

And then he withdrew:

And the said copy being read;

*Ordered,*

That the above copy do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Deputation to late receiver-general presented.

Mr. Reid, from the committee, to whom the petition of James Ferguson, of the parish of Trelawny, on behalf of his reputed mulatto children, named William Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Charles Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, John Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Catherine Ferguson, and Jean Ferguson, was referred, reported, that they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition:

James Ferguson's petition reported:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Jaques, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

A petition of James Walker, M. D. physician appointed to the gaol for the county of Surrey, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Dr. Walker's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 100*l.* for one year's salary as physician to the county-gaol for Surrey; and also the further sum of 111*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* for medicines furnished the poor prisoners confined in the said gaol, from the 9th November, 1798, to the 9th November instant, as specified in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition, and account, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of the proprietors and occupiers of wharves in the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

St. Mary's wharfingers' petition.

"That, from the very heavy expence, and great increase of contingent charges, attending the carrying on and conducting the wharfage business, the present high price of lumber, and other articles necessarily required and used in keeping the wharves and stores in proper repair, for the reception and storing of goods and merchandise, the rates of wharfage and storage allowed chargeable by the petitioners, under the authority of law, have been found by them to be very inadequate:

"That, in consequence of applications on petitions to the house, bills have pass-

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ed. and been enacted, for the relief of the wharfingers of Kingston and Morant-Bay, and of those in the county of Cornwall :

“ That the petitioners humbly conceive themselves equally entitled, with the wharfingers aforesaid, to the favour and liberality of the house.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered.*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Taylor; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report 10 resolu-  
tions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported ten resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows :

1. That it is the opinion of this committee, that, from his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November, 1798, it appears, that the various French persons, who, with their slaves, have arrived in this island, in consequence of the evacuation of St. Domingo, were furnished with the means, both in money and shipping, of bringing those slaves into this colony, under the orders of the British government.

2. That it appears to this committee, from the examinations taken before the secret committee of safety, in the year 1798, that proper means were used by his majesty's officers in the Mole St. Nicholas, in St. Domingo, before the evacuation thereof, to apprize these French persons, that the introduction of their slaves, from thence into this colony, was prohibited by the law of this island.

3. That it appears to this committee, from his honour the lieutenant-governor's public notice of the 18th April last, that he had received instructions from his majesty's ministers, respecting the disposal of the French negroes who have fled from St. Domingo, and taken refuge in Jamaica; and that he was directed thereby, to afford to the French proprietors of such negroes, the means of conveying them from this island, to sundry places mentioned in the said notice, at the expence of government.

4. That it is the opinion of this committee, that neither the British government, nor the said French persons, have any right whatever to look towards the island of Jamaica, for the means of conveying these French slaves to another country; and that, by their introduction and residence here, our laws have been violated, and safety endangered.

5. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the residence in the town of Kingston, of so many French persons, who follow no lawful occupation, and have visibly no lawful means of subsistence, is dangerous to the peace and safety of this island.

6. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the great number of French slaves, certificated in the town of Kingston, is justly the cause of great anxiety to the inhabitants of this island; and that the longer continuance here, of such slaves, will be dangerous to the peace and safety of this island.

7. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the situation and circumstances of the island render it highly expedient, for his honour the lieutenant-governor to exert the powers vested in him, by the alien and foreign slave laws, for ridding the country

country of what the committee conceive to be a nuisance of the most dangerous nature. viz. all such French persons, whether they be whites, free people of colour, or free negroes, who have not evidently some lawful means of subsistence, residing in Kingston or elsewhere in this island; and also all such French slaves, certificated in the town of Kingston, as do not belong to persons of the most unquestionably reputable character.

8. That the committee regret they cannot make the discrimination among French slaves from St. Domingo, which their feelings as individuals, in some instances, might dictate; conceiving the residence of any such people here, to be incompatible with the peace, security, and safety of the island.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to take into consideration his honour the lieutenant-governor's 3d message of the 5th November instant, and the papers therewith sent; and that the said committee do report their opinion thereon, to the house:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Cuthbert, be a committee for that purpose.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, informing him, that if his majesty shall graciously be pleased to appoint a second lieutenant-colonel to the 20th (or Jamaica) regiment of light dragoons, the house will provide for the expence thereof; and to assure his honour, that the house being sensible of the care and attention of major Gillespie, to the health and discipline of the regiment, since it has been under his command, contemplate with satisfaction the probability that an officer, who has served with distinguished credit in various high situations, will be advanced to professional rank; and that they hope the promotion to take place in the 20th light dragoons, may be extended to the officers of said regiment, to which they are so justly entitled, by their long services in this island.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, to return him the thanks of the house, for the communication contained in his second message of the 5th instant; and to lay before his honour, copies of the resolutions of the house respecting it;

Vote of thanks to the lieutenant-governor.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Grant, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ross, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Israel, and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), be a committee for that purpose.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

*First message.*

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that his honour requests the house will take into their early consideration, the expediency of

Message from lieutenant-governor, respecting barracks.

*of providing barracks at the eastern extremity of this island, fit for the accommodation of 600 rank and file, exclusive of what may be required for the officers, non-commissioned officers, and drummers; it being understood, that the barracks at Port-Antonio and Manchioneal are to form a part."*

*Second message.*

"MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, with

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a letter from his grace the duke of Portland, dated Whitehall, 6th August, 1799; and his honour trusts that the house may be pleased to make provision for the expence of the establishment of gun-boats, in terms of his grace's letter:

"That barracks will also be required, at such points as may be deemed best suited to the defence in question; that such barracks are included in the request set forth in his honour's first message of this day.

"I am further commanded to inform the house, that some expence must be incurred, for the erecting or repairing such fortifications as may be necessary for the defence of the eastern extremity, including Fort-George; and his honour trusts that the house will be pleased to provide for it accordingly.

"MY LORD,

*Whitehall, 6th August, 1799.*

Letter from duke of Portland.

"The defence and security of the windward quarter of the island of Jamaica are, under the present circumstances, of such extreme importance, that I cannot too strongly point out to your lordship, or neglect this opportunity of calling upon you, to strengthen them without delay, by the means already directed, namely, by the establishment of gun-boats, which ought to be connected with such other measures of defence on shore, as shall appear to be best adapted to its further safety and protection.

"The local information which your lordship so eminently possesses, must enable you to foresee and to station the portions of force, which may be necessary for these purposes, in the most advantageous manner; but, as it has occurred to me that block-houses, in proper situations, would give great strength and security to the whole of the east coast, and that, by means of proper signal posts, notice might be given of the approach of an enemy, in such manner as to enable your lordship to direct and apply, both the land and sea force, to any given point or points of attack, I cannot avoid submitting it to your lordship; and have also to acquaint you, that, with this view, orders will be immediately dispatched to Mr. Liston, to contract for eight or ten block-houses, in North-America, and to send them to Jamaica by the earliest opportunity, with a proper person to put them together: As the measures directed to be taken by this letter, as also by my letter of the 2d instant, have solely in view the tranquillity and security of Jamaica, I have no doubt but your lordship will find the legislature of the island will be disposed to give you, all possible aid and assistance, in carrying them into execution. I am, my lord, your lordship's most obedient humble servant,

"PORTLAND.

"*The earl of Balcarres.*"

*Ordered,*

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Ordered,

That the above two messages, and letter, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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THE committee, appointed to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, to return him the thanks of the house, for the communication contained in his second message of the 5th November instant; and to lay before his honour, copies of the resolutions of the house respecting it, went up; and being returned, Mr. Grant, from the committee, reported, that they had attended his honour, and returned him the thanks of the house, and had also laid before his honour, copies of the resolutions accordingly.

Committee attend his honour with yesterday's resolutions.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that if his majesty shall graciously be pleased to appoint a second lieutenant-colonel to the 20th (or Jamaica) regiment of light dragoons, the house will provide for the expence thereof; and to assure your honour, that the house, being sensible of the care and attention of major Gillespie, to the health and discipline of the regiment, since it has been under his command, contemplate with satisfaction the probability that an officer, who has served with distinguished credit in various high situations, will be advanced to professional rank; and that they hope the promotion to take place in the 20th light dragoons, may be confined to the officers of the said regiment, to which they are so justly entitled, by their long services in this island."

Message to lieutenant-governor, respecting promotions in 20th light dragoons.

Ordered,

That Mr. Henry and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to regulate the highways, and to repeal an act entitled, "An act to repeal the several acts therein mentioned; and for consolidating into one act, all the acts relating to the highways;" and also to repeal all other acts relating to the highways, was read a second time;

Highway bill, read second time.

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Resolved,

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Board of works bill,  
read second-time.

The bill to appoint certain commissioners, for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island, was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Return of foreign  
slaves presented.

The house being informed, that the clerk of the peace of the town of Kingston attended at the door, he was called in ; and at the bar, presented to the house, a return of the names of all the French persons, residing in the said town, who have obtained certificates for their slaves, at the last general registry, directed by an act entitled, " An act to prevent any intercourse and communication, between the slaves of this island and foreign slaves of a certain description ;" and also of the number and sexes of the slaves, for whom each such French person obtained certificates, respectively :

And then he withdrew :

And the said return being read ;

*Ordered,*

That the above return do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Report from com-  
missioners of ac-  
counts.

Mr. Taylor, from the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That, in obedience to the order of the house, of the 12th instant, they had made inquiry into the emoluments and fees arising from the office of the receiver-general, upon an average for the last five years, together with the amount of the contingent charges, losses, and consideration, paid by the said receiver-general ; and they conceive the house will be possessed of the fullest information on this subject, from the annexed accounts and statements, verified upon oath, and taken from the books of his majesty's revenue, and those of the annual funds, as well as from other satisfactory documents, which the commissioners accordingly submit to the consideration of the house.

*An account of monies received and paid, with the commissions charged thereon, by the receiver-general, from 30th September, 1794, to 30th September, 1799, being a period of five years, taken from the revenue books.*

	<i>Monies received and paid.</i>			<i>Commissions.</i>		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Amount from 30th Sept. 1794 to 30th Sept. 1795	25,459	18	10	951	3	2
30th Sept. 1795 30th Sept. 1796	28,208	0	10	1,044	9	10
30th Sept. 1796 30th Sept. 1797	26,728	0	4	988	5	9
30th Sept. 1797 30th Sept. 1798	36,183	1	9	1,297	1	6
30th Sept. 1798 30th Sept. 1799	40,594	4	7	1,430	10	3
	157,173	6	4	5,711	10	6

5711l. 10s. 6d. amount of commissions, for 5 years, is 1142l. 6s. 1d. *per annum.*

N. B. The fees of entry and clearance of vessels at the port of Kingston, are not

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not entered in the revenue books, and therefore not included in the above account; but, upon examination, it appears they average about 837*l.* per annum; also the dockets of lands, about 248*l.* per annum.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, Thomas Townshend, do swear, that the above account is just and true, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.—*So help me God.*

T. TOWNSHEND.

Sworn before me, 20th November, 1799.

W. BULLOCK.

An account of monies received, and commissions charged, by the receiver-general, from the 30th September, 1794, to the 30th September, 1799, being a period of 5 years, taken from the public books of the annual funds.

		Monies received.			Com. charged.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Amount from 30th Sept. 1794 to 30th Sept. 1795		161,950	4	9	4,753	17	7
1795	1796	481,406	2	0	8,470	3	10
1796	1797	359,722	7	5	8,477	10	8
1797	1798	426,204	6	7	10,582	4	2
1798	1799	439,844	11	2	10,599	2	2
		1,869,127	11	11	42,882	18	5

N. B. In the above, the sum of 1260*l.* the allowance made by the jury, on the 10 per cent. loan is not included; also the sum of 257*l.* 10*s.* being the commission on 51,500*l.* part of the 8 per cent. loan.

Deduct for charges.

Rent of office lease, including douceur, commission, interest, insurance, and premium, for remitting the money to Great-Britain, as per the annexed account	-	-	-	£.	s.	d.
				3178	3	11
House-rent for office, salaries to clerks, taxes, and other incidental charges	-	-	-	912	1	6
Amount per annum	-	-	-	4090	5	5
is, for 5 years	-	-	-	20,451	7	1
Net income for 5 years	-	-	-	22,431	11	4
is, 4486 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> per annum.						

The above deduction of charges, does not include losses the receiver-general is subject to, whether from misconduct, death, and insolvency, of persons intrusted in the various departments of his office, or from other accidents attending the collection and custody of the public monies; such as, at the death of Mr. Harris, in the revenue department, he was deficient in the sum of 3000*l.* part of which has been since recovered, a part is still unpaid, and is a loss incurred by the receiver-general; also, at the death of Mr. Holcombe, the principal cashier, his balance of cash was 170,000*l.* of which 17,000*l.* was unaccounted for; part of that sum has since been recovered, and the remainder in a way of being liquidated, but would have been a certain loss, had he proved insolvent.

CHENEY HAMILTON, p. R. G.

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JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, Cheney Hamilton, do swear, that the within account is just and true, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

CHENEY HAMILTON.

Sworn before me, this 20th November, 1799.

W. BULLOCK.

*Account of charges paid in England, for one year.*

Amount of premium and charges paid to sir John Dalling, for the lease of the receiver-general's office, being for the term of 8 years, as charged in the account current of messieurs Milligan and Mitchell, 2903 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> sterling, is, <i>per annum</i> , 362 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> sterling	-	-	-	-	£.	s.	d.
Say 1 year's interest on the above, at 5 <i>per cent.</i>	-	-	-	-	508	0	11
Rent, <i>per annum</i> , 1500 <i>l.</i> sterling	-	-	-	-	203	4	3
6 months interest on 2100 <i>l.</i> at 5 <i>per cent. per annum</i> , supposing the money to be paid in the month of June	-	-	-	-	2100	0	0
10 <i>per cent.</i> premium, for remitting the money	-	-	-	-	52	10	0
1 <i>per cent.</i> for receiving and paying the money	-	-	-	-	286	7	6
	-	-	-	-	28	1	3
					3178	3	11

*Errors excepted.*

CHENEY HAMILTON, p. R. G.

*Ordered,*

That the above report, and the papers thereto, annexed, do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

St. Mary's wharfingers' petition reported:

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, to whom the petition of the proprietors and occupiers of public wharves, in the parish of St. Mary, was referred, reported, that they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for the relief of the petitioners:

*Resolved,*

Bill ordered.

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Henry, be a committee for that purpose.

Petition of John Rutherford and others.

A petition of John Rutherford, late of the parish of Kingston, but at present of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by James Forsyth, of the parish of St. George, esquire, his lawful attorney in this island, duly appointed, and of Duncan Fraser and John Murdoch, both of the parish of St. Andrew, esquires, trustees named in a certain indenture, in the said petition mentioned, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, by a certain indenture, bearing date on or about the 12th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1790, made between James Rutherford, of the said parish of St. Andrew, esquire, by the name and description of James Rutherford, of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, and island aforesaid, esquire, of the one part; and the petitioners and Jane Rutherford, the wife of the petitioner John Rutherford, at present an absentee from this island, (by their names and descriptions of John Rutherford, of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, in the county of Middlesex,

defex, and island aforesaid, gentleman; and Jane Rutherford, his wife; Duncan Frazer, of the parish of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, and island aforesaid, gentleman; and John Murdoch, of the said parish of St. Andrew, county of Surrey, and island aforesaid, surveyor) of the other part, it is witnessed, that the said James Rutherford, as well for and in consideration of the love and affection which he had for, and bore towards, Wilhelmina Rutherford and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford, daughters of the said John and Jane Rutherford, as for other considerations therein mentioned, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed, and confirmed, unto the said John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Frazer, and John Murdoch, and their heirs, all that piece or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, in the said island, containing three hundred acres of land, be the same more or less, butting and bounding north and east on land belonging to the said James Rutherford, south on land in the possession of ——— Palms, and westerly on a hunting-path on Goddard's Ridge, as the same is more particularly delineated and described in and by a plat thereof, to the said indenture annexed; together with all houses, out-houses, edifices, erections, and buildings, thereon erected and built, with the appurtenances: To hold the same unto the said John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Frazer, and John Murdoch, and their heirs, to the use and behoof of them the said John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Frazer, and John Murdoch, and their heirs, for ever: In trust, nevertheless, and to and for the several uses, intents, and purposes, following; that is to say, that they the said John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Frazer, and John Murdoch, and the survivors and survivor of them, should, during the time that they, the said Wilhelmina Rutherford and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford, should be under the age of twenty-one years, out of the rents, issues, profits, and produce, of all and singular the said piece or parcel of land, and other the premises, with the appurtenances, disburse, from time to time, the necessary and competent charges, in the law and otherwise, for the defence and maintenance of the title and possession of all and singular the said premises, and of every part thereof, and for the reparation and preservation of the edifices and buildings thereon, or to be thereon, meet and fit to be disbursed and expended; also for and during such minority or minorities, as aforesaid, to maintain, educate, and cloath, the said Wilhelmina Rutherford and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford; and, for the surplusage that should be and remain, of all or any the said rents, issues, produce, and profits, over and above the said disbursements and expences aforesaid, that the same should go to the improvement of the said piece or parcel of land and premises, in such manner as they the said John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Frazer, and John Murdoch, their heirs, or the survivors or survivor of them, his, her, or their heirs, should think most proper, by purchasing stock or slaves, or otherwise; the slaves so purchased, to be settled to the like uses, intents, and purposes, as are therein after limited and expressed: And, as soon as the said Wilhelmina Rutherford and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford, should have attained their full age of twenty-one years, then to the use and behoof of the said Wilhelmina Rutherford and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford, their several and respective heirs and assigns, for ever, as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants, in case they should be then both living; but, if either of them should happen to depart this life, before she should attain her age of twenty-one years as aforesaid, and that without lawful issue, then to the use of the survivor, when she should attain her age of twenty-one years, her heirs and assigns, for ever; and in case the said Wilhelmina Rutherford and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford should both depart this life, before they, or either of them, should arrive at the said age of twenty-one years, and without lawful issue, then, and in that case, to the use and

behoof of all and every the child and children of him the said John Rutherford, begotten on the body of the said Jane Rutherford, his, her, or their several and respective heirs and assigns, for ever, as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants; and if there should be more such children, as aforesaid, than one, and one or more of them should die under the age of twenty-one years, and without lawful issue, then, and so often, as to the part or parts of such child or children so respectively dying, as last aforesaid, the same should from time to time respectively go and remain to the use of the survivors or survivor, or others of them, as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants; and, for want of such child or children, or such child and children dying without attaining his or their age of twenty-one years, and without lawful issue as aforesaid, then to the use and behoof of the right heirs of the said James Rutherford, for ever; and to and for no other use, intent, or purpose, whatsoever, as in and by the said indenture, duly executed, proved, and of record in the secretary's office of this island, reference being thereunto had, will more fully appear:

“ That the said James Rutherford hath some time since departed this life, without leaving any lawful issue, him surviving:

“ That the said Wilhelmina Rutherford, and Elizabeth Margaret Rutherford, are the two eldest children of the petitioner John Rutherford, and of Jane his wife, and are minors under the age of twenty-one years; the eldest of whom hath not yet attained her thirteenth year; and the petitioner, the said John Rutherford, and Jane his wife, have other children now living:

“ That the land and premises comprised in the said indenture, or deed of trust, are not in any state of cultivation, and the greatest part thereof is wood-land, and the remainder is in ruinate; and there being no slaves, or fund whatever provided, wherewith to improve the said property, it is altogether unproductive, and, from the accumulation of quit-rents and taxes, is becoming daily encumbered:

“ That the petitioners are desirous to make the trust premises answer the intentions of the grantor, and they are advised it cannot be done more effectually, than by a sale and disposal thereof, under the sanction of the legislature of this island, and investing the money to arise from such sale, in the purchase of other real estate, of a preferable nature, or in other good and effectual security, in the names of the said trustees, to the like uses as are declared in the said indenture, of the 12th day of June, 1790, which will be much more beneficial for the children of the petitioner, the said John Rutherford, and of the said Jane Rutherford:

“ That the petitioners have been offered, and can obtain, at the rate of 6*l.* per acre, for the land comprised in the said indenture, which is a very advantageous price for the said land, if a good title can be given for the same; but which the petitioners are advised cannot be given, but by the authority of the legislature of this island, empowering the petitioners to sell the same:

“ That, if the petitioners were empowered, under the authority, and by the directions, of the legislature of this island, to sell and convey the said trust premises, investing the money to arise from such sale, in such manner as aforesaid, to the like uses declared in the said indenture of the 12th day of June, 1790, the petitioners verily believe it would tend very materially to the benefit of the children of the petitioner, the said John Rutherford, and of the said Jane Rutherford, his wife.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Ross; that

that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of Peter Matthew Dixon, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by James Wright, of the parish of Vere, esquire, his lawful attorney in this island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Peter Matthew  
Dixon's petition.

“ That Elizabeth, countess dowager of Home, formerly of the city of London, deceased, before her death, duly made and published her last will and testament, bearing date on or about the 19th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1783, and thereby devised (*inter alia*), all that her freehold estate and plantation, theretofore called or known by the name of Dry-River, and all that other plantation, theretofore called Bay Maccarv, and then both known by the name of Gibbons' estate, situate in the parish of Vere, and island of Jamaica, which came to the said testatrix by the will of her father, William Gibbons, esquire, deceased, or otherwise howsoever, with the slaves, cattle, hereditaments, and appurtenances, thereto belonging, and all other the estate or estates, lands, tenements, slaves, hereditaments, and premises, whatsoever, in the said island (except New-River estate), whereof she was in anywise seized or possessed of any estate of inheritance, unto her relation William Gale, son of Henry Gale, formerly of the parish of St. Elizabeth, esquire, deceased, for and during the term of his natural life: And, from and immediately after the determination of that estate, the testatrix, by her said will, devised her said paternal and other lands, freehold estate and estates, slaves, and appurtenances, to Thomas Cuffans and Edward Hampson Wynter, then of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquires, and their heirs, during the life of the said William Gale, to preserve contingent remainders: And, from and after the death of the said William Gale, in trust, for the first and other sons in succession, of the body of the said William Gale, and the heirs of the body of such first and other sons, in strict settlement; and, for default of such issue, then in trust for all and every the daughter and daughters of the said William Gale, lawfully begotten, and the heirs of their bodies, as tenants in common; and, in default of all such issue of the body of the said William Gale, then in trust to support the contingent uses and remainders; but, nevertheless, to permit the said William Gale, during his life, to receive the rents and profits: And, from and immediately after his decease, the said testatrix thereby devised the same premises unto the petitioner, by the name of Peter Dixon, son of Charles Dixon, and Elizabeth Clara Dixon his wife, for the term of the petitioner's natural life; and, on the determination of that estate, then to the afore-said trustees, to support contingent remainders; but, nevertheless, to permit the petitioner to take the rents and profits for life: And, from and after the petitioner's decease, in trust for the first and other sons in succession, of the petitioner's body lawfully begotten, and the heirs of the body of such first and other sons; and, for default of such issue, to all and every the daughter and daughters, of the body of the petitioner lawfully begotten, and the heirs of their bodies, to take as tenants in common; and, in default of such issue of the petitioner's body, then in trust to support contingent remainders; but, nevertheless, to suffer the petitioner to take the rents and profits, during his natural life: And, from and immediately after the petitioner's death, the said testatrix devised the same premises to the petitioner's brother, Manly Dixon, for life; thereafter to the said trustees, for the use of the first and other sons of the body of the said Manly Dixon, in succession, in tail; and, in default of male issue, to the female issue of the said Manly Dixon, in tail, as tenants in common: Failing issue of the body of the said Manly Dixon,

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then to the said trustees, to the use of the petitioner's sisters, Elizabeth Dixon and Clara Dixon, daughters of the said Charles Dixon and Elizabeth Clara Dixon, his wife, to take as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants, and to the heirs of their bodies issuing; and, for default of such issue, to the use and behoof of Lucretia Welch, widow and relict of Richard Welch, esquire, deceased, and the right heirs of the said Lucretia Welch, for ever: And the said testatrix, by her said will, ordered and directed, that all slaves, in any way belonging to her, should, as soon as possible after her death, be placed on the estate called Gibbons, entailed as aforesaid, and to go along with, and attend, the entail and inheritance thereof; and she thereby accordingly gave and devised such slaves, and all her interest therein, to the same persons, and to, for, and upon, the same uses and trusts, as the said estate called Gibbons is, by her said will, devised, as in and by the exemplification of the said will, under the seal of the prerogative court of the archbishop of Canterbury, transmitted to this island, and recorded in the secretary's office, will appear:

" That the said William Gale hath since departed this life, leaving no issue surviving; whereby the premises, so devised by the testatrix, have become vested in the petitioner for life, under the limitations contained in her said will:

" That the lands whereof the said testatrix died seized and possessed, in this island, and which passed under the said devise, consist of the following parcels of land; namely, six hundred acres in St. James, one thousand in Clarendon, five hundred in St. George, three hundred in St. Mary, seven hundred and fifty in ditto, and one thousand seven hundred in Vere:

" That the slaves belonging to the said testatrix were, after her death, accordingly collected together, and placed on the said estate called Gibbons, in the parish of Vere, and are only adequate to the cultivation of five hundred acres whereof the said estate is composed; and the remainder of the said one thousand seven hundred acres, situate in Vere, continues uncultivated and unproductive, although capable of yielding very great advantages, if there were a sufficient strength of slaves to cultivate the said land:

" That the other parcels of land are situate in very detached parts, and are wholly unused and unprofitable (except a very small part of the land in St. Mary, which is rented to an adjoining proprietor); and, so far from the petitioner deriving any advantage therefrom, he is at a very heavy expence in keeping and protecting the possession of the said detached lands, in surveyor's bills, law charges, and the several taxes affecting the same:

" That the said detached lands are, on a moderate computation, worth the sum of 17,000*l.* and are the only fund from which money can be procured, for cultivating the lands contiguous to the said estate, called Gibbons, and improving the said estate:

" That the petitioner has lately attained the age of twenty-one years, but as yet he has not any issue, and his brother, the said Manly Dixon, as well as his sisters, the said Elizabeth Dixon and Clara Dixon, are minors under the age of twenty-one years, and are absent from this island, as well as their father and natural guardian, the said Charles Dixon:

" That the said Thomas Cuffins and Edward Hampson Wynter, the trustees named in the said will, are both dead, of whom the said Edward Hampson Wynter was the survivor, but his heirs or devisees have not any representative in this island, and are unknown to the petitioner:

" That the said Lucretia Welch is, also an absentee, and has not any representative in this island:

" That

"That if the petitioner were enabled to sell and dispose of the out-lying lands, (but which he is advised he cannot effect, without the authority of the legislature of this island,) and to invest the purchase-money in slaves, on the same uses and trusts as the said lands are settled, as well the petitioner, as those in remainder, would greatly benefit by the improvement thence to arise, by the further cultivation of the said estate, called Gibbons, and the other lands in the parish of Vere, contiguous thereto, agreeably to the apparent intentions of the said testatrix."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. W. Mitchell; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to appoint certain commissioners, to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts:

Commissioners of accounts bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Reported;

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to appoint certain commissioners, to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts.*"

Engrossed.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for continuing the act, for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war, for twelve months longer:

Continued rules and articles of war:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Tharp, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

*Ordered,*

That the treasurer of the toll collected from the road from Spanish-Town to Kingston, do lay before this house, an account of the amount of the tolls so collected, for the last seven years; distinguishing each year respectively: Also, an account of the applications of the money that has been collected in the said years, and what sum now remains in his hands, on that account.

Return of toll on Kingston road ordered.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Novis, 21<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

Commissioners of  
accounts bill passed.

THE engrossed bill to appoint certain commissioners, to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Receiver-general's  
salary bill, read se-  
cond time; and,

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the bill for abolishing the receiver-general's commissions. (except as therein excepted) and for granting him an annual salary in lieu thereof:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be now read a second time:

Then the counsel against the bill were called in:

And the said bill was read a second time:

And the petition of Thomas Partington, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by Francis Smith, of the parish of St. Catherine, esquire, one of his attorneys in this island, was also read:

And the counsel against the bill were heard:

And then the counsel were directed to withdraw:

A motion being made, that the said bill be rejected:

A debate thereon arising:

Another motion was made, that the debate be adjourned:

The house divided:

The ayes went forth:

Ayes, 14; noes, 16.

So it passed in the negative.

Then the main question being put;

The house divided:

The ayes went forth:

Ayes, 16:—Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Francklyn, Mr. Christie, Mr. Ross, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Israell, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Ker.

Noes, 14:—Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Jaques, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Henry, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Quier, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Grant, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. Fitch.

rejected.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,*

Proceedings to be  
published.

That the proceedings of the house this day, relative to the bill for abolishing the receiver-general's commissions, (except as therein excepted) and for granting him an annual salary in lieu thereof, be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for one month.

W. Savage's trust  
bill, read second  
time.

The bill for empowering William Savage, of the parish of Kingston, esquire, and other persons therein named or described, to sell, and dispose of, certain trust property, and to invest the money to arise from such sale, and disposal, in good and sufficient security, for the benefit of the persons interested, was read a second time:

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*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Veneris, 22<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

Prayers.

MR. Cuthbert, from the committee, to whom the petition of John Rutherford, late of the parish of Kingston, but at present of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by James Forsyth, of the parish of St. George, esquire, his lawful attorney in this island, duly appointed, and of Duncan Fraser and John Murdoch, both of the parish of St. Andrew, esquires, trustees named in a certain indenture, in the said petition mentioned, reported, that they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for effecting the purposes desired by the petition :

Petition of John Rutherford and others reported :

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Mowat, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

Mr. Shirley, from the commissioners of the board of works, reported,

Report from board of works.

That, in order to prevent the damage continually done to the different barracks, by his majesty's troops, and the waste and destruction of the furniture of every description, the commissioners, in the month of April last, requested the commander in chief to suggest to the board, some regulations for the better order and government of the barracks :

That, in the month of July last, the commander in chief transmitted to the board, through his secretary, a report made by a board of inquiry, composed of field officers, and some additional observations made by his lordship, in the form of a note ; which papers are hereunto annexed :

That the house will observe, that the report comprises objects, and extends to the establishment of regulations, in some degree foreign to the jurisdiction of the board of works ; they are, however, induced to offer to the house, some observations on the subject-matter of that paper :

That the report appears to be grounded on a comparative view of the established regimental provisions, as they exist in the windward islands and the island of Jamaica, and a variety of comforts are therein stated to be allowed to the army in the former, which are not supplied by the latter ; it seems, however, very material

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to ascertain whether fuel, candles, blankets, and cooking utensils, are paid for by his majesty's government of Great-Britain, or by the colonies wherein the troops are stationed :

That the commissioners are decidedly of opinion, that the army ought to be supplied with the articles above enumerated, nor ought the soldier to be put to any stoppage or expence on that account ; it will remain, therefore, for the house to determine, whether such increased establishment is to be sustained by the government of Great-Britain, or the island of Jamaica :

That, in regard to the article of fuel, it is almost unnecessary to observe, that the statement in the report is, in some degree, founded in error ; as, in several parts of Jamaica, the troops are regularly supplied with fuel, and the accounts annually paid by the house, as on reference to their journals will appear ; at the same time, it may be deemed expedient, that some regulation should be adopted, extending to all the barracks throughout the island, that the want of that most necessary allowance may be never urged in future, as a pretext for the destruction of the barracks and furniture, and even (as it is represented) under some degree of extenuation :

That, in regard to the wish expressed in the report, that the officers in Jamaica may receive the same proportion of lodging-money, as those stationed in the windward-islands, the commissioners cannot too strongly recommend this circumstance to the consideration of the house, as the present allowance of lodging-money is extremely inadequate to the increased rent of houses ; and they take this occasion to observe, that the measure of granting lodging-money is infinitely preferable to building and keeping in repair barracks, at an enormous expence :

That it being usual, in all other parts of his majesty's dominions, to allow barrack-furniture to officers, the commissioners recommend to the house, to grant the same indulgence here, to the extent suggested in the report :

That the present mode of appointing barrack-masters is liable to considerable objections, inasmuch as it deprives the barrack-master-general of all controul over persons, whose duty it is to obey his orders ; the commissioners, therefore, recommend to the house, to permit the barrack-master-general to appoint his own deputies, for whose neglect or misconduct he will be responsible ; should the house be disposed to adopt this alteration, it will be necessary that the clause in the present poll-tax law, vesting the appointment in the board of works, should not be revived :

That, in offering these observations to the house, the commissioners feel it their duty to remark on a paragraph in the note of the commander in chief, which states that, " should the island coincide in opinion with his lordship, and grant relief accordingly, the immediate consequence would be the preservation of the barracks, as the soldiers could have no inducement to pull them to pieces, to supply their want of fuel ; and that, when any arrangement is made, respecting what ought to be furnished to the soldier in barracks, it will only be the work of a day, framing such regulations as will ensure to the island the preservation of the barracks, and whatever appertains to that department."

That the causes which are supposed to have led to the destruction of the public property, have been of long continuance, but the unusual extent to which it has of late been carried, exceeds that of any former period ; and that the commissioners conceive, that the island of Jamaica has a right to expect and require, that its property should be respected and preserved, and that it is not merely to a preliminary increase of comforts and accommodations to the army, that it ought to be compelled to resort, for the security and preservation of its property, but to the establishment of some fixed and permanent regulations, enforced by the authority of

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the commander in chief; and, should the house think proper to accede to any of the suggestions contained in the report, such fixed and permanent regulations ought previously to be required, and some positive assurance given, that the inconveniences at present so justly complained of, should not be repeated.

SIR,

*King's house, 5th July, 1799.*

I am directed by the commander in chief to enclose to you the proceedings of a court of inquiry, held by his order, which he conceived necessary, as a prelude to the placing the barrack department of this island in a state of regularity.

I am also directed to enclose to you, some additional observations made by the lieutenant-general, in the form of a note, and in addition to the above proceedings.

These two papers you will be so good as lay before the board. I have the honour to be, your most obedient humble servant,

J. ALSTON.

*The clerk to the board of works.*

*At a court of inquiry, held by order of the right honourable the earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-general, commander in chief, &c. &c. Jamaica, at Kingston barracks, 6th June, 1799:*

Président, major-general CHURCHILL:

Members, Lieutenant-colonel NOBLE, 67th regiment; lieutenant-colonel M'MURDO, deputy quarter-master-general; major GILLESPIE, 20th light dragoons; major DEVOS, 1st battalion 60th regiment; major AINSLIE, 4th ditto:

F. SMITH, deputy judge-advocate.

Major brigade Gould informed the court, it was the commander in chief's pleasure, that the court should proceed without major Jones, 20th light dragoons, one of the members, his attendance being prevented by indisposition.

Read,—The extract of general orders, dated "Deputy adjutant-general's office, 23<sup>d</sup> May, 1799.

"Some regulations being absolutely necessary to be framed, for the preservation of the barracks of this island on the one hand, and the just and requisite comforts of the soldiers on the other, the lieutenant-general directs, that a board of inquiry should assemble, to take into their consideration the causes of the derangement that at present prevails in that department:

"The board will state, as minutely as their means of information can reach, the plan and system adopted in the windward islands, for the due preservation of the barracks, as also the allowances and comforts afforded to the soldiers therein quartered:

"The lieutenant-general wishes, that those gentlemen who have been quartered in the windward island barracks, and are conversant with this subject, may have the goodness to draw up a report accordingly, to be submitted to the board.

"As the arrangement and object to be attained, is of the highest importance to the island, and the army stationed in it, and as considerable investigation may take place, the lieutenant-general requests the assistance of the deputy judge-advocate on this occasion; he also desires that major-general Churchill may be president."

The board being attended by the barrack master general, the island engineer, and surveyor of public works, proceeded to the inquiry directed:

The board think they cannot better perform that part of the order which respects the provision for troops, than to submit the following comparative view of the subject.

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*A comparative view of the established regimental provision for troops, in the Windward islands (including St. Domingo) and Jamaica.*

WINDWARD ISLANDS.				Cord.
Wood, per week—	1 field officer	-	-	1-8
	1 captain	-	-	1-16
	1 subaltern	-	-	1-32
	Surgeon	-	-	1-16
	Assistant surgeon	-	-	1-32
	1 sergeant-major and quarter-master-sergeants	-	-	1-32
	12 non-commissioned officers and privates	-	-	1-8
	Hospital	-	-	1
				lbs.
Candles, per week—	1 field-officer	-	-	3
	1 captain	-	-	2
	1 subaltern	-	-	1
	1 surgeon	-	-	2
	1 assistant surgeon	-	-	1
	Sergeant-major and two quarter-master-sergeants	-	-	1
	Hospital	-	-	5
	12 non-commissioned officers and privates	-	-	1
				Chairs. Tables. Forms.
Barrack-furniture—	Field-officer	-	-	8 4 0
	Captain	-	-	4 2 0
	Subaltern	-	-	2 1 0
	Sergeant-major and quarter-master-sergeant	-	-	2 1 0
	Sergeants, drummers, rank and file, 12	-	-	0 1 2
	1 iron pot each 12 men.	-	-	
	1 hammock, 1 blanket, each man.	-	-	

## JAMAICA.

Wood—None.

Candles—None.

Barrack-furniture—To officers—None.

Privates, benches and forms by the board of works, on application.

Hammocks and blankets—None.

Culinary utensils—None.

*Officers lodging-money, out of barracks.*

WINDWARD ISLANDS.				l. s. d.
Field-officer, per week	-	-	-	1 6 8
Captain, surgeon, and pay-master	-	-	-	1 0 0
Subaltern, assistant-surgeon, and staff	-	-	-	0 13 4

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Field-officer, captain commanding, per annum	-	-	50 0 0
Other field-officers, captains, subalterns, and staff, each	-	-	20 0 0

After the best examination, it appears to the board, that the principal cause of the destruction of barracks and furniture, arises from want of fuel for the soldiers; who, to supply that most necessary article, use the shingles, boards, and furniture, without

without possibility of prevention, and even under some degree of extenuation, in those stations where fuel is not obtainable, till the troops have been in quarters for some time; one instance has been shewn to the board, of a detachment subsisting for two days, on bread alone, for want of fuel to cook their victuals:

The board are of opinion, the great loss which the island must sustain in this respect will be obviated, by allowing to the troops stationed here, wood for fuel, in the same proportion as in the windward islands; and, for greater comfort, candles, as set forth in the foregoing comparative view:

As to barrack-furniture, the board submit the following as a fair and reasonable allowance:

			Tables.	Chairs.	Forms.
Field officer (2 rooms)	-	-	4	8	0
Captain	-	-	2	4	0
Subaltern	-	-	1	2	0
Sergeant-major, 2 quarter-master sergeants (deal)	-	-	1	2	0
12 non-commissioned officers and privates	-	-	1	0	2
Ditto,	-	-			
Each man,	-	1 iron pot.			
	-	1 blanket.			
Platforms to turn upon hinges.					

The board would also be highly gratified to see the officers, who are not accommodated with quarters in barracks, put on the same footing as stated, in the said comparative view, to be the usage in the windward islands; for it must be obvious, that subalterns especially, subsisting perhaps on little more than their pay, are in this island under great disadvantage, from the advanced price of lodgings:

The board are of opinion, that the care of the barracks, and the furniture belonging to them, should be placed under the barrack-master-general, and his deputies, in the same manner as is done by his majesty's regulations for barracks, in Great-Britain: But, as the present mode of appointing barrack-masters in this island, deprives the barrack-master-general of due authority, the board recommend, that such mode of appointment be given up, and that the barrack-master-general be invested with power to appoint his own deputies; who shall actually reside in the different barracks, under such allowance as the island may deem adequate, payable on the certificate of the barrack-master-general, to answer a faithful discharge of duty:

That the barrack-master-general be ordered to visit the barracks throughout the island, once every year at least, in order to judge clearly of their state, and the conduct of his deputies; and that an allowance, adequate to the expences he must incur in that duty, be made to him.

F. SMITH,

D. J. A.

GEO. CHURCHILL,

M. G. president.

*Note by the commander in chief.*

In addition to the report of the board of inquiry, whereof major-general Churchill was president, the commander in chief has to observe, that much greater mischief arises from the soldiers not being allowed wood, than what is therein represented; as the soldier cannot cook his victuals, nor wash, without fuel, it has been necessary to order out fatigue parties, to find it; these parties are always exposed to the heat of the sun; and he has remarked, that the garrison of Fort-Augusta in particular, which is naturally the healthiest quarter on the whole coast, has been twice swept off by the yellow fever, owing to parties going on fatigue, on a burning sand; and also, from their being too often obliged to roll the water, in casks, from the landing-place to the reservoir; nothing contributes so rapidly to the dreadful effects of the malignant or yellow fever, as these fatigue parties.

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The lieutenant-general also remarks, that several barracks in this island are so distant from water, that the soldiers are supplied at a considerable expence, defraved by themselves; this is a charge unknown in any other part of the world, nor ought a soldier to be put to any stoppage or expence for his fuel, water, blanket, or cooking utensils, &c.

He therefore trusts, that the soldier quartered in Jamaica may, in his comforts and allowances in barracks, be put, in all respects, on the same footing with the soldier quartered in the windward islands.

Should the opinion of this island coincide with the above, and grant relief accordingly, the immediate consequence would be, the preservation of the barracks, as the soldier could have no inducement to pull them to pieces, to supply his wants of fuel.

When any arrangement is made, respecting what ought to be furnished to the soldier in barracks, it will only be the work of a day, framing such regulations, as will ensure to the island the preservation of the barracks, and whatever appertains to that department.

*Ordered,*

That the above report, and the papers thereto annexed, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the Vale.

A petition of the freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners have, at a very considerable expence, altered the road from the foot of Guy’s hill, in the said parish, through Enfield, Dover-Castle, Wallen’s, New Works, Burton’s, and Mickleton, to the intersection of the road leading to Spanish-Town; by means of which, the road from St. Mary’s has been shortened, made easier, and is become the only road of communication between Spanish-Town and St. Mary’s, over Guy’s hill:

“ That the parish allotments are insufficient to the repair of the said road:

“ That, in consequence of the heavy rains which have lately fallen, the said road, in many places, is rendered impassable for carriages, and will require some extraordinary labour:”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the East.

A petition of certain freeholders of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners, under many difficulties and heavy expences, made settlements in the interior parts of the said parish, upon Island-River, and its vicinity:

“ That the making of good roads, through the mountainous parts of the island, is attended with great labour and expence:

“ That the petitioners have made a track which, in its present unfinished state, is of great use, and has been the means of encouraging settlements upon Island-River, as aforesaid; the settlement of which would be considerably extended, if there was a good road, as there is a very extensive tract of valuable mountain land, fit for the cultivation of coffee, &c. &c.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

“ That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

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The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Committee on state of the island,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported two resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

report two resolutions.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct the board of works to carry into execution such orders as they may receive from the commander in chief, for the lodging and accommodating of six hundred privates, besides officers and non-commissioned officers, at the eastern extremity of the island; to give them the authority of appointing persons to do the same; and to authorize the receiver-general to pay to the order of the said board, sums of money not exceeding 4000*l.* towards defraying the expence thereof; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare an answer to those parts of his honour's message, of the 19th instant, as relate to gun-boats and fortifications:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Grant, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) and Mr. Shirley, be a committee for that purpose.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

Motion for a new rule,

*Resolved,*

That no member, who is a party in a bill under consideration, or in anywise concerned in interest in a question before the house, shall vote thereon; but, after being heard, shall withdraw during the debate:

The house divided:

on division,

The ayes went forth:

*Ayes*, 9:—Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny).

*Noes*, 15:—Mr. Tbarp, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Quier, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Henry, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Christie, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Ker, Mr. Ross, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Israell, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Cuthbert.

So it passed in the negative.

negatived.

*Ordered,*

That the receiver general do remit to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for this island, by his majesty's packet Penelope, by bills at a short date, if possible, the sum of 3850*l.* sterling, being the balance supposed to be due, on account of the arms and accoutrements ordered for the use of the militia of this island; and that this house will make good the same.

Vote for balance due for arms.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

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“ MR. SPEAKER,

Secret message from  
lieutenant-go-  
vernor.

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a secret message.

“ That the lieutenant-governor has reason to apprehend, that the enemy have formed designs to invade this island; that his honour is desirous of submitting to the house the grounds of his information, which is of a secret nature, and requires early attention.”

Ordered,

That the above message be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

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Sabbati, 23<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

R. Jackson, esquire,  
expelled the house.

Prayers. MR. Speaker acquainted the house, that Robert Jackson, esquire, who had been returned a representative for the parish of Port-Royal, kept out of the way of receiving the order of the house, requiring his attendance:

Resolved. nem. con.

That the said Mr. Jackson be expelled the house.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

New writ for Port-  
Royal.

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Port-Royal, in the room of Robert Jackson, esquire, expelled the house.”

Ordered,

That Mr. Christie and Mr. Telfer be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Continued rules  
and articles of war  
bill presented.

Mr. Fitch, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for continuing the act, for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war, for twelve months longer; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

Mr.

Mr. Cuthbert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to extend the powers given to the commissioners, appointed by an act of the 32d George 3d, for building a stone bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine; which was received, and read the first time:

Rio-Cobre bridge bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Reid, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for granting certain privileges and immunities to William Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Charles Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, John Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Catherine Ferguson, and Jean Ferguson, free mulattoes, the reputed sons and daughters of James Ferguson, of the parish of Trelawny; which was received, and read the first time:

Ferguson's privilege bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Grant, from the committee, appointed to prepare an answer to those parts of his honour the lieutenant-governor's message, of the 19th instant, as relate to gun-boats and fortifications, reported,

Answer to his honour's message, respecting gun-boats, reported.

That there is no instance whatever, of an application made by government to the assembly of Jamaica, to provide for naval expences; and, from the nature of that service, it is impossible for the island to interfere in it: That the committee have to observe, that as to the expence to be incurred, for the erecting and repairing such fortifications as may be necessary for the defence of the eastern extremity, that there is in the hands of the receiver-general, a very considerable balance arising from the revenue granted in 1728, and a balance of 7352*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* arising from the tonnage act, both applicable to these purposes; and the committee have no doubt, that whenever these two funds shall be exhausted, the house will make every exertion to give the commander in chief all possible aid and assistance:

*Resolved, nem. con.*

That the house do agree to the report.

*Resolved,*

That a copy of the first resolution reported yesterday, from the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island, and agreed to by the house; and also a copy of the above report, and of the resolution of the house thereon, be laid before his honour the lieutenant-governor.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you, a copy of a resolution of the house of yesterday, and also a copy of one other resolution of the house of this day, on the subject matter of your honour's two messages of the 19th instant."

Message to his honour.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Grant and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr.

Falmouth petition  
reported :

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, to whom the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Falmouth, and its vicinity, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend to the house to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill, constituting, as a body politic and corporate, such persons as shall contribute by subscription, to a certain amount, to be therein specified, for defraying the expences of conveying into and through the said town of Falmouth, part of the water of Martha-Brae River :

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report :

*Ordered,*

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Henry, and Mr. Mowat, be a committee for that purpose.

R. P. Wilton's petition reported.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, to whom the petition of Rebecca Pleasure Wilton, of the parish of Trelawny, a free quadroon woman, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend the petitioner as a proper object for the bounty and liberality of the house.

Isaac Morales's  
petition.

A petition of Isaac Morales, of the parish of Kingston, gentleman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, for many years past, the petitioner hath been employed in the Surrey assize-court and quarter-sessions, as interpreter of the court, in the French and Spanish languages, and especially since the year 1793, he hath been generally called upon and employed in that capacity, in crown causes requiring such interpretation; and hath never received any reward or recompense whatsoever, for such his services :

"That the petitioner has a numerous family to support."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above report, and petition, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Dr. Lee's petition.

A petition of James Lee, of the parish of St. Catherine, on behalf of himself and of Francis Rigby Brodbelt, physicians to the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the said Francis Rigby Brodbelt and the petitioner were appointed, by warrant from his honour Alexander earl of Balcarres, physicians to the said gaol, in the year 1795; from which time the petitioner, and the said Francis Rigby Brodbelt, have diligently and carefully attended, and administered medicines to, the sick white prisoners confined therein :

"That the sum of 100*l.* granted annually to the physicians of said gaol, for their attendance and supplying medicines to such prisoners, is due for one year, ending the 6th day of October last."

And praying for relief.

James Stewart's  
petition.

A petition of James Stewart, late deputy-marshal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, last session of assembly, presented on petition two accounts, for disbursements for prisoners of war, amounting to 159*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* :

That payment of the above accounts was rejected, on the principle that the  
commilitary

commissary for prisoners would pay the same, when they were properly certified by the clerk of the vestry of Westmorland:

“ That the petitioner has since applied to said clerk, for such certificate, who refused the same, as the disbursements for said prisoners did not come within his knowledge:

“ That said prisoners were sent to the petitioner by the honourable Joseph James Swaby, esquire, custos of St. Elizabeth, as appears by his warrant of commitment, annexed to said accounts:

“ That it is utterly impossible that the petitioner can ever procure the certificate of the clerk of the vestry of Westmorland, as the said prisoners were sent to Savanna-la-Mar gaol, from a different parish, out of his department.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of Ann Graham, of the parish of Trelawny, widow of Samuel Graham, deceased, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Ann Graham's petition.

“ That, by order of the commissioners for the parish of Trelawny, the petitioner's late husband supplied the arms mentioned in an account annexed.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of Henry Waite Plummer, of the parish of St. Elizabeth, esquire, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Henry Waite Plummer's petition.

“ That the petitioner, as attorney to the proprietors of Two-Mile-Wood, Elim, and the Bogue estates, in the said parish of St. Elizabeth, supplied for the public service, the several articles stated in accounts annexed:

“ That the petitioner rendered the said accounts to the commissioners of public accounts, who returned the same to be amended; and, upon the second application to said commissioners for payment, they declared their power had then expired, and referred the petitioner to the house, for relief.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Brailsford and Henry Pinkcombe, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

J. Brailsford and H. Pinkcombe's petition.

“ That, since the death of the late John Newland, who had the contract for supplying Fort-Augusta, Fort-Charles, and the Twelve Apostles-Battery, with water and boats, they have supplied them with those articles, as by the accounts and vouchers annexed, will more fully appear; and that there is due to the petitioners, for such service, the sum of 278*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*”

And praying for relief.

A petition of William Fenwick, of the parish of St. Catherine, watchmaker, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

William Fenwick's petition.

“ That the petitioner hath attended to, and taken care of, the clock placed in the public buildings, for the space of twelve months, ending the 21<sup>st</sup> of October last:

“ That, for such care and attention, the petitioner has not received any compensation.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above six petitions, and accounts thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of several of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Ann.

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“ That

“ That the great road through the parishes of St. Ann and Trelawny to Montego-Bay, is of great utility to all persons travelling on the north side of the island, as it opens a communication between Montego-Bay and Annotto-Bay, without being obliged to travel on the sea-shore, whereby all risk from Spanish plunderers is avoided :

“ That large sums of money have been expended on that part of the said road, which lies in the said parish of St. Ann, as well by the inhabitants of the said parish, as by grants from the house :

“ That the said road, through the said parish of St. Ann, is in great forwardness, the greatest obstacles, namely, a number of large rocks, being removed ; but, should the further aid of the house be withheld, the said road must not only be abandoned, but the great sums of money already expended thereon, be lost to the public.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the Vale.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That, some time in the month of September, 1798, a murder was committed on the body of William Thompson, of the said parish, planter :

“ That the said murder was so secretly perpetrated, that no evidence thereof could be obtained :

“ That the slaves of the said William Thompson were, some time after his death, sold to William Falconer and Malcolm M<sup>c</sup>Leod, esquires, who added divers other slaves to the number so purchased :

“ That, among such slaves so added, was a negro man called Frazer :

“ That the said negro man, called Frazer, having overheard conversations, by which he discovered that the said murder was committed by certain negro slaves, called Daniel and Harry, belonging to the said William Thompson, and purchased as aforesaid by the said William Falconer and Malcolm M<sup>c</sup>Leod, he immediately disclosed the same to his overseer, and to George Ross, esquire ; by means of which, the said negro man slave, named Daniel, was brought to trial, and convicted of the said offence, and sentenced to be hanged, and was accordingly executed :

“ That the said negro man, called Harry, departed this life on the road, the day of the intended trial :

“ And praying that the house will reward the said negro man slave, named Frazer, for his conduct in making so early and complete a discovery of the said murder, (whereby the said negro man slave, named Daniel, was brought to justice, and condemned as aforesaid) in such manner as to the house shall seem fit and proper.”

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Fitch ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

William Bolt's petition.

A petition of William Bolt, of the parish of St. Ann, planter, on behalf of himself and others, interested in the new road on the westernmost bank of Negro-River,

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in the said parish, commonly called Voce's road, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the present king's road, leading through Windsor estate southerly, to the back settlements, as far as Bellgrove plantation, (a distance of about three miles) being very hilly, and in many other respects very bad, and which required uncommon large allotments to keep it in tolerable order but for a few months in the year, a new road was, about ten years ago, on the west bank of the Negro-River, tracked by William Voce, surveyor, and which, if completed, would afford infinite accommodation and advantage to the many sugar estates, and other properties, settled and now settling aback thereof, and would also be of great public utility, inasmuch as that, from its easy and gradual ascent, carriages of every denomination, instead of going up Roaring-River hill, and by Wynn's Thickets, would be able to pass, with quickness and facility, into the interior great road, leading through Crescent-Park to town :

"That, in aid of several grants of the house and large parochial allotments worked out, for many years past, on the said new road, the petitioner, as well as many others, have subscribed to have the same completed, but all have been found inadequate thereto :

"That, from a long cessation every year, occasioned by a want of money or means to carry on the work on the said road, necessary to the completion thereof, the labour annually bestowed thereon is of little or no avail, as, during such cessation, the said road grows up in a wilderness, and becomes much injured by bad weather :

"That it is now ten years since the said road was first tracked, and, if the slow progress in which it has been carried on be continued, it is probable it will not, in ten years more, be made a carriage-road :

"That the accommodation and advantage of the said new road, to the settlers in its vicinity, as well as the public in general, have been so obvious, that the parochial allotments, formerly worked out on the old road, have been worked out on the new road, from which the old road, which was bad at the best, has been totally neglected, and thereby become almost impassable ; wherefore, the proprietors already settled and now settling, in its vicinity, have no road to carry their produce to market :

"That, seeing the impracticability of finishing the said road for ten years to come, if the grants of the house, and the parochial allotments, be not aided by a considerable advance of money, the petitioner has been solicited by the new settlers, who have no other way to carry their produce to market, to make the necessary advance, so as that the said road may be made a good carriage-road by the 10th day of June next, which the petitioner is willing to do :

"And praying that the house will make him a reasonable compensation for such advance, in any manner that to the house may seem eligible and proper."

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Henry, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Quier ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill, for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town ; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike ;

*Motion for Bog-Walk turnpike :*

*Ordered,*

*Ordered.*

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Rofs, be a committee for that purpose.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour :

And being met ;

Continued articles  
of war bill, read se-  
cond time ;

The bill for continuing the act, for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war, for twelve months longer, was read a second time :

*Ordered.*

Engrossed.

That the said bill be engrossed.

Bog-Walk road bill  
presented.

Mr. Cuthbert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for the farther and more effectual improvement of the highway or road leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town ; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered.*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report one resolu-  
tion.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, *nem. con.* and is as follows :

That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, in answer to his secret message of yesterday, to assure his honour, that the house have considered the important information laid before them, with all the attention they are capable of ; that they have the utmost confidence in his honour's military abilities, and the greatest reliance on his zeal and activity for the protection and defence of the colony ; that they are fully convinced, that the military force stationed in this island, is not adequate to the present danger ; a danger occasioned by the dreadful revolution in St. Domingo, the evacuation of the Mole, the emigration of certain French persons to this island, and their residence here, and the intercourse that has taken place with the revolted slaves belonging to that unfortunate colony ; to state to his honour, that the mode proposed to increase the regular forces under his honour's command, is totally inadmissible ; but that they beg leave to communicate to his honour, a measure which they propose to adopt, namely, to pass a bill to enable the commander in chief to put garrisons in Spanish-Town and Kingston, from the militia of the island, so as to enable him to make use of the regular forces stationed in those towns, on any service his honour may think proper, without resorting to martial law ; and that, in addition to the powers vested in the commander in chief by the militia law, this new bill may authorize his honour, to order any part of the militia of the island, on any service, or to any places within the island, he shall deem necessary : That, in this state of danger and alarm, the house derive great satisfaction from the naval force stationed here, which is undoubtedly equal to defend the colony from an invading enemy ; and that, from the known abilities of the gallant admiral, whom they have the good fortune

to see at the head of this naval force, they have the utmost reliance, that the wicked intentions of our enemies will be defeated.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and, in answer to your secret message of yesterday, to assure your honour, that the house have considered the important information laid before them, with all the attention they are capable of; that they have the utmost confidence in your honour's military abilities, and the greatest reliance on your zeal and activity for the protection and defence of the colony; that they are fully convinced, that the military force stationed in this island, is not adequate to the present danger; a danger occasioned by the dreadful revolution in St. Domingo, the evacuation of the Mole, the emigration of certain French persons to this island, and their residence here, and the intercourse that has taken place with the revolted slaves belonging to that unfortunate colony; to state to your honour, that the mode proposed to increase the regular forces under your honour's command, is totally inadmissible; but that they beg leave to communicate to your honour, a measure which they propose to adopt, namely, to pass a bill to enable the commander in chief to put garrisons in Spanish-Town and Kingston, from the militia of the island, so as to enable your honour to make use of the regular forces stationed in those towns, on any service your honour may think proper, without resorting to martial-law; and that, in addition to the powers vested in the commander in chief by the militia law, this new bill may authorize your honour to order any part of the militia of the island, on any service, or to any places within the island, you shall deem necessary; that, in this state of danger and alarm, the house derive great satisfaction from the naval force stationed here, which is undoubtedly equal to defend the colony from an invading enemy; and that, from the known abilities of the gallant admiral, whom they have the good fortune to see at the head of this naval force, they have the utmost reliance, that the wicked intentions of our enemies will be defeated.”

Message to his honour, on secret message.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch and Mr. Dawson be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service :

Stamp duty bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Reported.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,

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*"An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service."*

Board of works bill  
committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to appoint certain commissioners, for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to appoint certain commissioners, for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings, belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island.*"

Gunpowder bill  
committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "*An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;*" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. W. Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. W. Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, 'An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;' and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms.*"

Savage's trust bill  
committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for empowering William Savage, of the parish of Kingston, esquire, and other persons therein named or described, to sell, and dispose of, certain trust property, and to invest the money to arise from such sale, and disposal, in good and sufficient security, for the benefit of the persons interested:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fitch took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An*

"An act empowering William Savage, esquire, and his trustees, to sell Toby Abbot's pen, securing the purchase-money on other premises; and for other purposes."

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill, in aid of the militia law, pursuant to the message this day sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, agreeably to the report from the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island;

Motion for a bill in aid of militia law;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Sheriff, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston; for the further regulating the assize of bread; and the nightly watch in the said town; and for other purposes therein mentioned;"

Motion for amending Kingston police law;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Christie, and Mr. Dawson, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to examine a map of the county of Cornwall, executed by James Robertson, in obedience to an order of the house, of the 14th December, 1797, and in conformity to his petition and proposals, presented to the late assembly, the 19th April, 1796, and to report their opinion thereon, to the house;

Committee to examine Mr. Robertson's map.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Mowat, Mr. Reid, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), and Mr. Tharp, be a committee for that purpose.

*Resolved,*

That the committee, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's third message of the 15th March last, and the papers therewith sent; and also his honour's message of the 6th November instant, and the papers therewith sent, are referred, be authorized to hire a clerk; and that this house will make good the expence thereof.

Committee on man-roon papers to hire a clerk.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Swaby have general leave of absence, during the remainder of the session. Leave of absence to Mr. Swaby.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Acts, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Martis, 26° die Novembris, 1799.

Return to Vere writ.

A MESSAGE from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writ of election for the parish of Vere; which, with the provost-marshal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that John Pusey Edwardes, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish, in the room of Dutton Smith Turner, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated:

And the said John Pusey Edwardes, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly.

Board of works bill passed.

The engrossed bill to appoint certain commissioners, for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Gunpowder bill passed.

The engrossed bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Rules and articles of war bill passed.

The engrossed bill for continuing an act, passed in the year 1798, entitled, "An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war," a certain time longer, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Stamp duty bill passed.

The engrossed bill for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Savage's trust bill passed.

The engrossed bill empowering William Savage, esquire, and his trustees, to sell Toby Abbot's pen, securing the purchase-money on other premises; and for other purposes, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Ferguson's privilege bill, read second time;

The bill for granting certain privileges and immunities to William Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Charles Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, John Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Catherine Ferguson, and Jean Ferguson, free mulattoes, the reputed sons and daughters of James Ferguson, of the parish of Trelawny, was read a second time:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill be engrossed.

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The bill for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road leading from Pog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town: and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike, was read a second time:

Pog-Walk turnpike bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to extend the powers given to the commissioners, appointed by an act of the 32d George 3d. for building a stone-bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine, was read a second time:

Rio Cobre bridge bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Murphy, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act to regulate wharfage and storage," so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary; which was received, and read the first time:

St. Mary's wharfage bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, to whom the petition of Judith Silvera, widow, and David Feurtado and David Pereira Mendes, merchants, all of the parish of Kingston, executrix and executors of the last will and testament of Aaron Silvera, late of the parish of St. Andrew, planter, deceased, and also trustees and guardians of the children and devisees of the said Aaron Silvera; and of Abraham Silvera, one of the sons and devisees of the said Aaron Silvera, was referred, reported,

Petition of Judith Silvera and others reported:

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for effecting the purposes desired by the petitioners:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Henry, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

A petition of John Henderson, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by William McRobbie, his attorney, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

John Henderson's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 23*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for the wharfage and wainage of fundry public stores, within the island store keeper's department:

"That there is also due to the petitioner, the sum of 29*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* for wharfage and boat hire, in transporting fundry articles of military stores, belonging to the 20th regiment of light dragoons:

"That there is also due to the petitioner, the sum of 15*l.* for the wharfage and cartage of 20 barrels of gunpowder for the use of the Apostles-Battery:

"That there is also due to the petitioner, the sum of 16*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* for wharfage, and for the hire of waggons in the service of the 63d regiment."

And praying for relief.

A petition of William Hamilton Bullock, of the parish of Trelawny, taylor, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

W. H. Bullock's petition.

"That the public of Jamaica is indebted to the petitioner, in the sum of 252*l.*

25. 97. for fundry clothing for the use of the black shot and militia, on service against the runaways, lately in Cornwall, as stated in an annexed account :

“ That a duplicate of the said account was transmitted by the petitioner, in the month of July, 1768, to be laid before the commissioners of accounts, and another duplicate transmitted by the petitioner, with a petition, to be presented to the house, both of which accounts have been unfortunately lost, or mislaid.”

And praying for relief.

C. N. Palmer's  
petition.

A petition of Charles Nicholas Pallmer, solicitor for the crown, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner, by virtue of his office, hath prosecuted, defended, and carried on, various suits at law, and done certain law business, on behalf of the crown and public of this island, during the year 1799, a just account whereof is annexed to the petition; by means whereof, large sums of money have been recovered into the receiver general's office :

“ That the charges in the account are, to the best of the petitioner's belief, usual and customary.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above three petitions, and the accounts thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.  
Catherine and St.  
John.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of St. Catherine and St. John, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the grants made by the house, for the repair and improvement of the road leading through the Crescent pen, in the parish of St. Catherine, into the interior of the parish of St. John, have been faithfully and judiciously expended thereon, but, from the extent of the road, have not been adequate (although aided by the usual parochial allotments under the highway law) to the whole thereof :

“ That the work which has been performed on the said road, has been, in consequence of the late heavy rains, much injured in some parts :

“ That the said road, during the time that the Rio-Cobre was overflowed, afforded a safe passage for the post and travellers, to and from the north-side and leeward parishes, inasmuch as it intersects the great road of communication through the island, above the conflux of the Bog-Walk and Black Rivers :

“ That the petitioners are unable, without the further assistance of the house, to put the said road in repair.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the East.

A petition of certain freeholders of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners, under many difficulties and heavy expences, made settlements in the interior parts of the said parish, upon Roaring-River, and its vicinity :

“ That the making of good roads, through the mountainous parts of the island, is attended with great labour and expence :

“ That the petitioners have made a track from Sunning-Hill estate to Hayfield, up said river, according to an annexed diagram; which said track, if carried into effect, (which the petitioners find themselves unable to do) would be the means of encouraging the settlement of a very extensive tract of valuable mountain-land, extending up said river, fit for the cultivation of coffee, &c.”

And praying for relief.

A petition

A petition of certain freeholders of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Thomas in the East,

“ That the petitioners, under many difficulties and heavy expences, made settlements upon Sulphur-River, and its vicinity :

“ That the making of good roads through the mountainous parts of the island, is attended with great labour and expence :

“ That the petitioners have made a track, from the road to the Hot-Spring, to Mount-Essex, according to an annexed diagram ; which track, if carried into effect (and which the petitioners, from heavy expences already incurred, find themselves unable to do), would be the means of encouraging the settlement of a very extensive tract of valuable mountain-land, fit for the cultivation of coffee, &c.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of several of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Mary.

“ That the petitioners have experienced much difficulty, and expence of negro and cattle labour, in conveying their produce to their usual shipping-places, by reason of the present road being in many parts extremely steep and narrow, and encountering numerous fordings of rivers :

“ That the petitioners have caused to be tracked, a road leading from Mr. Bean's coffee walk, through Lewisburgh estate, to intersect the road from Spanish-Town, through Richmond estate, towards Aleppo, a diagram of which is annexed ; which, if carried into effect, will open a considerably more safe and less expensive communication from Spanish-Town, through said estates, to St. George's, Portland, and the said shipping-places ; three dangerous crossings of Flint-River, and many of smaller rivers, will be avoided ; the road will be much easier than the one now used, of course, carriages for the transportation of produce, could be laden each turn with a quantity nearly double of that with which they can pass over the present road ”

And praying for relief.

A petition of several of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Another from the same.

“ That a petition from the said freeholders, and other inhabitants of the said parish, shewing the eligibility and propriety of a road of communication between the high road at Koningsberg plantation, in the said parish, and the high road at Belmont plantation, in the parish of St. Andrew, and praying assistance for carrying the same into execution, having been presented to the house, the course of which will more fully appear, on reference being made to the petition, and diagram thereunto annexed ;

“ That the house were pleased to give a grant for carrying the same into effect, but which is found quite inadequate, even to the levelling and opening the said track, it being upwards of four miles of ruinous and wood-land to go through.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Another from the same.

“ That the great road leading from Berkshire Hall, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to Hermon-Hill, in the parish of St. Mary, has become, from the late heavy rains, very much gullied, and in such bad condition, as to render it unsafe for the petitioners and other persons having occasion to travel over the same :

“ That the allotments of slaves usually worked upon the said road, are very inadequate to the proper repairing thereof ; and, without the aid of the house, the same will continue in bad order and condition.”

And

Petition from St. Mary.

And praying for relief.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the main road, from the intersection of the Guy’s Hill road, at Mail-en-Hall, leading to Goshen, in the parish of St. Mary, where it intersects the main road leading to St. Ann’s, from a long continuance of the inadequacy of the allotments of slaves thereon, and from the late heavy rains, is in such a very bad state, as to render it dangerous for the petitioners, and other persons who have occasion to travel over the said road; and, without the aid of the house, the same will continue in bad order and condition.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from Portland, St. George, and St. Mary.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of Portland, St. George, and St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That a road was laid out, and partly made, from the high road at Aleppo, to intersect the public roads leading to Spanish-Town and Kingston, at Richmond, and, upon application to the house, grants were made for carrying the same into effect, and expended to the best advantage, but found inadequate to complete the work, although several large sums have been laid out, exclusive of the said grants.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. Mary.

A petition of several freeholders of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That sundry alterations, improvements, and amendments, are absolutely necessary on the road leading from the ridge, at the line of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Richmond, where it intersects the roads leading to Annotto-Bay and Port-Maria:

“ That, upon application to the house, grants have been made for carrying the same into effect, but which have been found inadequate to complete the work.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above nine petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Andrew Wills’s petition.

A petition of Andrew Wills, of the parish of Trelawny, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner being from home, on his usual planting business, on June 5th, 1798, the rebellious slaves entered his dwelling-house, and committed several depredations:

“ That, on the said day, the said slaves, at the house of the petitioner, murdered one valuable negro man, and one valuable negro woman; the man was a good dry stone-wall builder, and the woman an able field-negro, the property of the petitioner:

“ That the petitioner was obliged to desert his dwelling-house, and live in the lowlands for some months, as also his negroes, and he has had to feed them, which was very expensive.”

And praying for relief.

A motion being made, that the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it passed in the negative.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Francklyn, and Mr. Cuthbert; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of Edward Fleming, of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth.

Edward Fleming's  
petition :

" That the petitioner's settlement, about two miles and a half from Pantre-Pant estate, hath, since it was totally destroyed by the maroons and runaways, in 1795, been put into provisions, which were established by the petitioner, at a very considerable expence, for the maintenance of the petitioner's negroes ;

" That, since the 4th of March, 1797, the petitioner hath not had any provisions from the said settlement, owing to a gang of armed runaways, who were frequently there committing depredations, destroying his provisions, and carrying them into the woods :

" That, on the 4th of March, 1797, the said gang of armed runaways forced into the woods, where they have kept them ever since, two valuable negroes, the property of the petitioner ; viz. a man named Peter, and a woman named Sally, who were of the value of 240*l*.

" That the petitioner has been obliged to withdraw his watchmen, and dares not send his negroes to his settlement for provisions ; and has, therefore, been obliged since to have recourse to the American market, for rice and corn, to support them ; which puts him to a weekly expence of 6*l*. ; a sum which the petitioner cannot afford under such hardships as he labours."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

To lie on the table.

The house being informed, that the naval officer attended at the door, he was called in, and at the bar presented to the house, according to order, an account of exports from the island, from the 30th September, 1798, to the 30th September, 1799 :

Return of exports  
presented.

And then he withdrew :

And the said account being read, is as follows :

NOTE, For account see appendix, No II.

Mr. Francklyn, in his place, laid before the house, an account of the number of slaves imported into the port of Kingston, from the coast of Africa, from 24th November, 1792, to 26th November, 1799; also, an account of the number of such slaves exported from the said port, during the same period of time :

Return of slaves  
imported presented.

And the same being read, is as follows :

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. III.

*Ordered,*

That the above three accounts, or returns, be referred to the committee, to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d November, 1792 ; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same, and to state to the house how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony ; to inquire into its situation, with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon ; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colo-

ny is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Mercurii, 27<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

Engrossed bills sent  
up.

**ORDERED,**  
That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ker, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Sheriff, and Mr. Edwardes, be a committee to carry the engrossed bill of Thursday last, and also the engrossed bills of yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ferguson's privilege  
bill passed.

The engrossed bill for granting certain privileges and immunities to William Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Charles Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, John Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Catherine Ferguson, and Jean Ferguson, free mulattoes, the reputed sons and daughters of James Ferguson, of the parish of Trelawny, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

St. Mary's wharfage  
bill, read second  
time.

The bill to amend an act entitled, "An act to regulate wharfage and storage," so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Horse-race bill pre-  
sented.

Mr. Henry, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

J. Rutherford's trust  
bill presented.

Mr. Cuthbert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill empowering John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Frazer, and John Murdoch, trustees in a certain indenture or deed of trust, to sell certain lands in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, and invest the purchase-money in other real estate, or in other good and sufficient security, to the uses contained in the said deed; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

A petition

A petition of John Bruce, of the parish of Westmorland, a free mulatto man, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

John Bruce's petition.

"That the petitioner, by his petition presented to the house in the year 1796, stated (*inter alia*), that he did then belong to the brown infantry company of the said parish of Westmorland, and had done duty therein from the commencement of the then martial law, until the month of November then last past; and that, some time in the said month, the petitioner, with many others of the said brown infantry company, and a part of the dark infantry and some black shot, went out under the command of captain William Russell, of the said parish, in quest of the maroons of Trelawny-Town, when in open rebellion; and the said petition further stated, that, on the 8th day of the said month of November, the said party came up with the maroons, at Moco plantation, in the parish of St. James; that an engagement took place between the said maroons and the party of which the petitioner was one, as aforesaid, and that, in the course of such engagement, whilst fighting against the said maroons, the petitioner received a wound from them, in the elbow joint of the left arm, from a musket-ball:

"That the petitioner, by his said petition, further stated, that ever since he had received the said wound, he had not been able to do any duty, and was entirely disabled from the use of the said arm, as would appear by the certificate thereunto annexed:

"That, in the 34th clause of the militia law of this island, passed in the year 1791, it is enacted, amongst other things, 'that every mulatto or free negro who, in an engagement with internal or invading enemies, shall lose a limb or eye, or be otherwise wounded, so as to be rendered incapable to serve as a non-commissioned officer or private, shall be entitled to receive an annuity of twenty-five pounds, upon affidavit to be made by any and every such non-commissioned officer or private, entitled to receive the annuity aforesaid, that he is then residing in the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ and to which affidavit shall be affixed a certificate of the minister, or of two magistrates, and of one of the churchwardens of the said parish, that the said non-commissioned officer or private is then living in their said parish:' And that the petitioner submitted to the house, that he fell within the meaning and letter of the above recited clause of the said law; and praying that the house would take his case into their consideration:

"That, in consequence of such application, the house resolved that the petitioner was entitled to receive the sum of 35*l.* currency, *per annum*:

"That, on the 27th day of July, 1797, the petitioner received from the clerk of the vestry of Westmorland, a certificate to enable him to receive at the rate of 35*l.* *per annum*, for his services in the maroon war, from the said 8th day of November, 1795:

"That the petitioner hath received the sum of 35*l.* only, in consequence of the said certificate, being for one year's annuity, from the said 8th day of November, 1795, to the 8th November, 1796:

"That the petitioner is still in the same situation, as when his former petition was presented to the house, and disabled from pursuing his business as a taylor, to which he was bred, and has no property whatsoever, wherewith to support himself."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Alexander Campbell, lieutenant of Fort-Small, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Alexander Campbell's petition.

"That, on the 17th April, 1798, the command of the said fort devolved on the petitioner, by the death of John Welsh, theretofore captain thereof:

"That

" That the petitioner conceived it his duty to provide for, and keep at, the said fort, two negroes for the purpose of taking care of the buildings thereto appertaining :

" That former captains or commanding officers of the said fort, received an allowance from the house, for negroes by them provided and furnished to take care of such buildings :

" That there will be due to the petitioner, on the 31<sup>st</sup> December next, charging to that day, the sum of 87*l.* 18*s.* 9½*d.* for the hire and maintenance of said two negroes, stated in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

Mary Watkins's petition.

A petition of Mary Watkins, of the parish of Westmorland, a free woman of colour, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner's son, James Forrest, while in the service of his country, as a private in the militia, was killed during the last martial law :

" That the petitioner being aged and infirm, depended entirely upon her said son, for the maintenance of herself and daughter :

" That the petitioner being reduced to very great distress, by the death of her said son, heretofore applied to the house, stating the circumstances before-mentioned, and praying relief :

" That the house thereupon granted her the sum of 20*l.* :

" That the petitioner is yet in great distress and want."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above three petitions be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

George Watson's petition.

A petition of George Watson, of the parish of St. James, merchant, on behalf of himself and his copartner, William Appleton, at present an absentee from this island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner, and his said copartner, in the course of their mercantile transactions, received an order from the commissioners for building barracks at Montego-Bay, drawn on the then receiver-general, in favour of William Jolly, for 138*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* being the amount of the said William Jolly's account against the Montego-Bay barracks; and which will more fully appear, by an original account, and order thereon indorsed, annexed :

" That, by some unforeseen occurrence in the transmitting the said original account and order to Kingston, in order to receive payment thereof, the same was mislaid, and that, until very lately, the petitioner and his said copartner could not obtain any satisfactory information respecting such account and order :

" That the petitioner, or his said copartner, nor any other person or persons for their use, have received payment of the said commissioners order, or any part thereof."

And praying for relief.

James Fannin's petition.

A petition of James Fannin, printer, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner, pursuant to orders of the house, has published in the Cornwall Chronicle, sundry resolutions, for which he has not received payment."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Edward Martin Whitehead, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That

"That the petitioner did, on the 7th day of November, 1798, present to the house his petition, praying payment of an account, amounting to 73*l*. 10*s*. 7½*d*. being for money by him advanced for the support and maintenance of prisoners, confined in the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega, during a certain period of time therein expressed:

E. V. Whitehead's  
petition.

"That the said petition and account were referred to the committee of the house, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that the said committee did not report on the said account:

"That a copy of the said account is annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of James Dismore Pinnock, commanding Fort-Lindsay, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

J. D. Pinnock's pe-  
tition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, for pay as captain of Fort-Lindsay, the sum of 12*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. and also the sum of 50*l*. for lodging-money."

And praying for relief.

A petition of William Welby Vaughan, deputy-marshal for the precinct of St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

W. W. Vaughan's  
petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 287*l*. 10*s*. for money advanced for the support and maintenance of sundry prisoners, confined in the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega, as stated in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of William Cathcart, tavern-keeper, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

William Cathcart's  
petition.

"That a party of the 83d regiment of foot was quartered at Beg-Walk, in March last, to whom the petitioner furnished refreshment, amounting to 18*l*. 15*s*. 5*d*."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Samuel Bell, of the parish of Westmorland, practitioner in physic, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Samuel Bell's pe-  
tition.

"That the petitioner hath attended the prisoners in the gaol of the county of Cornwall, whether crown prisoners, evidences for the crown, or prisoners confined for debt, at all times, when any of them were sick, or when his attendance was necessary:

"That he furnished them with the requisite medicines, in their several situations, from the 31st day of December, 1797, to the 16th of November, 1799, as stated in an account annexed:

"That, for his trouble in such attendance, and the expence in furnishing the said medicines, the petitioner hath not received any recompense."

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Edwards, of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

John Edwards's pe-  
tition.

"That, in the month of October, 1798, the petitioner contracted to supply the York hussars, stationed at the barrack in the town of Savanna-la-Mar, with fire-wood, and did supply them with the same, from the 20th day of October, 1798, to the 9th day of June, 1799, to the amount of 190*l*. 18*s*. 9*d*. as stated in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Edwards, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Ditto.

"That, sometime in the year 1798, the petitioner contracted to supply the 33th regiment of light dragoons, stationed at the barrack in the town of Savanna-

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la-Mar,

la-Mar, with fire wood; which, from the commencement to the termination of such supply, amounted to the sum of 62*l*. 10*s*. as stated in an account annexed:

"That the petitioner was also employed to convey provisions, baggage, and other articles, for the said regiment, amounting to the sum of 2*l*. 10*s*. as stated in an account also annexed:

"That, previous to the embarkation of the said regiment for Great-Britain, the petitioner obtained the proper attestations, certificates, and affidavits, to the said accounts, and delivered them to William Ricketts Johnson, esquire, one of the members of the house, in order to lay the same before the house, in the session of 179<sup>o</sup>:

"That the petitioner never knew but that the same were passed in the usual forms, until some time after the session, when he found that there was no provision made for the same:

"That, by reason of the absence from this island, of the said regiment, the petitioner is unable to procure other certificates to the said accounts."

And praying for relief

John Donnan's petition.

A petition of John Donnan, of the parish of Portland, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner hired unto Lieutenant John Armstrong, commanding officer of a detachment of the royal artillery, stationed at Fort-George, two negro pioneers, for the purpose of procuring wood and water for the said detachment, from the 17th day of December, 1798, to the 30th day of April, 1799; during which time, the petitioner also found the said two negroes in provisions, as specified in an annexed account, attested by the said lieutenant Armstrong."

And praying for relief.

Belinda Veitch's petition.

A petition of Belinda Veitch, widow of John Veitch, deceased, late captain of Fort-George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, at the time of the said John Veitch's death, there was due to him, for maintenance and clothing, of the fort pioneers, and for other expences at the fort, amounting as by an account annexed, to 24*l*. 19*s*. for which the said John Veitch made out, and swore to, an account, before his death:

"That the petitioner, at the death of her said husband, was left with a young family, very poorly provided for; and that the said account, owing to captain Veitch's long illness, was not presented for payment during his life-time."

And praying for relief.

Blackley, Boyle, and company's petition.

A petition of Blackley, Boyle, and company, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, in the course of the petitioners' business, an account annexed, against the public, certified by commissioners under the party law, has come into the petitioners' hands; which account, as certified by the said commissioners, amounts to the sum of 81*l*. 8*s*. 4*d*.:

"That the petitioners are advised, that the said account was duly incurred, and certified"

And praying for relief.

Ditto.

A petition of Blackley, Boyle, and company, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, in the course of the petitioners' business, an account annexed, against the public, certified by commissioners under the party law, has come into the petitioners' hands; which said account, as certified by the said commissioners, amounts to the sum of 8*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*.:

"That"

"That the petitioners are advised, that the said account was duly incurred and certified."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Martha Thomas, of the parish of Kingston, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Martha Thomas's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 26*g*l. 8*s*. 4*d*. for the hire of negroes to act as pioneers to the 11th battalion of the 60th regiment, and also for the 67th regiment, as stated in accounts annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Stone, deputy-marshal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, John Stone's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 5*g*l. 10*s* being cash advanced by him, for the maintenance of prisoners confined in Kingston gaol, between the 13th day of March, and the 30th day of November, 1793, as stated in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of George Thomson, of the parish of St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, George Thomson's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, for the hire of sundry negroes, as pioneers for the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, stationed at Fort-Augusta, as stated in an annexed account."

And praying for relief.

A petition of George Thomson, of the parish of St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Ditto.

"That there is due to the petitioner, for the hire of seven negroes, as pioneers for the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, stationed at Stoney-Hill, from the 13th November, 1793, to the 31st December following, the sum of 5*g*l. 3*s*. 4*d*."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Matthew Atkinson, esquire, secretary of the island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Matthew Atkinson's petition.

"That the petitioner is obliged, by his office, to record the laws annually passed in this island, and to prepare copies and duplicates thereof, to be transmitted to one of his majesty's principal secretaries of state, and for that purpose to put the same under his attestation, and the seal of the island; and also to do sundry other articles relative to the said laws, in his office:

"That the petitioner has, since the 21st day of December, 1793, done and performed sundry articles specified in an account annexed, the fees whereof amount to the sum of 11*4*l. 10*s*, which remains due and unpaid."

And praying for relief.

*Ord. read,*

That the above eighteen petitions, and the accounts thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from St. Thomas in the Vale.

"That the road from Williamsfield, to the line of the parish of St. Mary, has been, by the late heavy rains, so much damaged, that the allotment of the parish is totally inadequate to the repair thereof."

And

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the Vale.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That a road from Hog-hole estate to Indian-River, in the said parish, has been laid out as formerly represented to the house:

“ That the grants made by the house for the completion of the said road, have been faithfully and judiciously expended, but have proved insufficient for the purpose intended:

“ That the said road will be of great advantage to the settlers in the said parish, and also to those in the parish of St. Mary:

“ That the petitioners are unable to complete the same, without the further assistance of the house!”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Mary.

A petition of several freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the money granted last session by the house, for the road No. 62, leading from the high road at Orange-River, through Anderston, Smithfield, and doctor Page's, to the line of St. Thomas in the Vale, was found, although laid out to the best advantage, to be inadequate to complete the same:

“ That the said road is much shorter, and more safe, than that through Lewisburgh, Expectation-Hill, and Kendal, many bad fordings of rivers being avoided.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Andrew, St. Mary,  
and St. George.

A petition of the magistrates, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parishes of St. Andrew, St. Mary, and St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the present road leading from Stoney-Hill, in the said parish of St. Andrew, to Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, is frequently rendered impassable, by reason of the heavy and severe floods which increase the rapidity of Wag-Water river:

“ That, in travelling from Stoney-Hill to Annotto-Bay, by the said road, it is necessary to cross the said river nearly thirty times, by several very dangerous fordings, and many lives have been lost, in attempting to cross the said river:

“ That the petitioners caused a track of a road to be laid out, which, if established as the king's highway, would do away the necessity of crossing the said river more than once, and by which many steep hills would be altogether avoided:

“ That the petitioners caused a diagram, whereon the said track was delineated, to be laid before the house, during the session of 1798, with a petition for assistance: That the house granted 300*l*. which has been faithfully worked out and expended on the said track, but is very inadequate to complete the same:

“ That the distance from Stoney-Hill to Annotto-Bay is very considerable, and the road of great importance, not only to the inhabitants of the said parishes, but to the town of Kingston, and will tend greatly to the safety, benefit, and advantage, of the community.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from Port-  
land.

A petition of the magistrates, vestry, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the commissioners appointed by the house, for laying out the money granted the last session, for repairing the road from Bath over the mountains to Port-Antonio, have endeavoured to get the same laid out, as directed by the house; but, from the smallness of the sum granted, they have not been able to get a jobber to go so far into the woods:

“ That

“ That this road is of great utility to the public, as a road of communication between the north and south sides of the island, and passes near the situation on which the block-houses are intended to be erected.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the magistrates, vestry, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Portland.

“ That the sum of 300*l.* granted by the house, during the session of 1797, towards making a road from Turtle-Crawle, through Cambridge estate, and many other settlements in the interior of the country, to a junction of the main road at Priestman's River, leading round the east end of the island, has been faithfully expended :

“ The petitioners represent to the house, that the said road, when perfected, might be of great advantage, by enabling travellers to avoid the public road along the sea-side in time of war, and would be the means of settling much uncultivated land, in the interior of the country :

“ That the said sum of 300*l.* granted by the house, has been found inadequate for the purposes intended.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the inhabitants of the district of Manchioneal, in the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Manchioneal.

“ That a road from Manchioneal-harbour, through Reach estate, and Ecclesdown and Friendship-Valley back settlements, in Manchioneal, to Nanny-Town, would, it is conceived, be an object of public utility, by facilitating the communication with the interior parts of the island, by laying valuable tracts of land open for cultivation, and by depriving runaway slaves of that asylum which they at present possess :

“ That a road is already traced out part of the way, but, from the inability of the back settlers, cannot be completed.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above seven petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the parishes of St. Catherine, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Catherine, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew.

“ That the petitioners are possessed of properties in the parishes of St. Catherine, and St. Andrew, the produce of which has hitherto been usually carried to market in boats and flats, along the river commonly called Salt-River, in the parish of St. Andrew, which is, to some of the petitioners, the only mode of conveying their produce, and to all of them the most convenient :

“ That the river called the Rio-Cobre, which formerly discharged itself into the sea by a separate channel, has, within a few years past, changed its course, and now runs into the Salt-River, at some distance from the sea, near Hunt's Bay :

“ That the channel of the Salt-River, which was formerly navigable for boats of heavy burden, and by means of which great quantities of grass, building-stone, lime, and fire-wood, were conveyed for the use of the inhabitants of Kingston, hath been filled up with sand, brought down by the said river Rio-Cobre, and hath, by means thereof, become totally impassable for loaded vessels :

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“ That

" That, in consequence of the said channel being filled up, the petitioners are deprived of the means of conveying their produce to market, to their very great injury, and to the inconvenience of the said inhabitants of Kingston :

" That, by reason of the said Rio-Cobre having brought down into the channel of the Salt-River so much sand, the current of the latter river hath been obstructed, and the water thrown back, so as to overflow a great extent of grass land, and has thereby rendered it incapable of cultivation, and useless :

" That Fort-Augusta, the Apostles-Battery, and Fort Charles, and the inhabitants of Port-Royal, have been usually supplied with fresh water, by means of flats, from the mouth of the Rio-Cobre ; and that, since the course of that river has changed, no flat can possibly enter into the mouth of it :

" That the petitioners submit, that a canal cut from the said Salt-River, at a place called Quacco's Path, through part of the lands of Waterhouse estate, down to Waterhouse wharf, would remedy the evils complained of :

" That the petitioners are willing to be at the expence of cutting the said canal, and to pay the value of the land through which they shall cut :

" And praying that the house will give leave for a bill to be brought in, for the purpose of permitting them to cut such canal, from Quacco's Path, through the land of Waterhouse estate, to Waterhouse wharf."

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Fitch ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Thomas-Kaylet's  
petition.

A petition of Thomas Kaylet, of the parish of St. Andrew, esquire, at present absent from this island, by John Davidson, of the parish of Kingston, merchant, his attorney, duly appointed for the special purpose of soliciting certain matters expressed in the said petition, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That Thomas Kaylet the elder, late of the parish of St. Andrew aforesaid, esquire, deceased, being in his life-time, and at the time of his decease, seized and possessed of considerable real and personal estate in this island, duly made and published his last will and testament in writing, bearing date the 10th day of April, 1792, executed according to the statute, and, after giving divers pecuniary and other legacies, and directing, as therein is mentioned, all the rest, residue, and remainder of his estate, real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever, he gave, devised, and bequeathed, the same to his son the petitioner, for and during the term of his natural life ; and, after the determination of that estate, he gave, devised, and bequeathed, the said rest, residue, and remainder, of his said real and personal estate, unto John Davidson, of the parish of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, merchant, and George Pinnock, of the parish of St. Andrew, esquire, their heirs and assigns, in trust, for the issue lawfully begotten of the petitioner, in tail, in strict settlement, with divers contingent remainders over ; and, in default of such issue, as in the said last will and testament is particularly contained ; and of his said will, appointed the petitioner and the said John Davidson, executors ; and to which the said Thomas Kaylet the elder, added a codicil, bearing date the 24th day of October, 1794, thereby giving and bequeathing a pecuniary legacy, as therein mentioned ; and afterwards departed this life, without altering or revoking his said will, as in and by the said will and codicil, duly proved, and of record, doth appear :

" That part of the residuary estate of the said Thomas Kaylet, deceased, consists

lives in houses situate in the town of Kingston, with their appurtenances; and which it was the intention of the said Thomas Kaylet the elder, to have sold in his lifetime, as he often declared, and which the petitioner believes he would have done, had he not departed this life in a sudden and unexpected manner:

“ That the petitioner is unmarried, and without lawful issue; and that Mary, one of the daughters of the said testator, is above the age of twenty-one years, and hath intermarried with James Napper, of Hampstead, in Great-Britain, practitioner in physic and surgery, and is, together with her husband, absent from this island, but duly represented by attorney; and that the other daughters of the said testator, in whom, together with the said Mary Napper, in failure of issue of the petitioner, the remainder in fee in the estate of the said Thomas Kaylet, deceased, is limited, are severally under age, and unmarried, and are also absentees; and that, without the aid of the legislature, the petitioner is advised no sale can be made:

“ That the petitioner is of opinion, that it will be for the benefit of the trust, and all parties interested therein, that such houses, lands, and tenements, belonging to the said estate, as are situate in the town of Kingston, should be sold, as being unproductive, and the monies arising therefrom, be invested in other property, upon the like trusts and uses, as in the said will mentioned and contained; to which the said James Napper, and Mary his wife, have consented:

“ And praying that leave may be given to bring in a bill, for effecting the said purposes.”

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal); that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of George Thomson, of the parish of St. Andrew, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

George Thomson's  
petition.

“ That, on the 1st day of July last, the petitioner hired a certain negro man, named Hercules, as a pioneer to the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, then stationed at Fort-Augusta, at the rate of 3s. 4d. per day, and the usual rations:

“ That, during the time he was so hired, he was constantly employed in attending the hospital, nursing the sick, and doing all the drudgery required to keep the hospital in a proper situation for the patients, who were then labouring under a dangerous fever:

“ That the said negro man (who was of the value of 180*l.* and upwards) was, some days after his being so hired, attacked by the said fever, and died on the 16th day of July following.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

To lie on the table.

A petition of the proprietors of the Spanish-Town theatre being offered to the house;

Petition from proprietors of Spanish-Town theatre,

And a motion being made, that the said petition be received;

A debate thereon arising, and the question being put, it passed in the negative:

on debate,

*Resolved,*

That the said petition be rejected.

rejected.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to prevent the stealing of coffee, and other produce:

Motion for bill to prevent the stealing of produce:

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,*

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Francklyn, and Mr. Christie, be a committee for that purpose.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved,*

Resolutions respecting receiver-general.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the money-bills respectively stand committed, to receive a clause for allowing to the receiver-general, or his deputy, the same rate of commission as was allowed to the receiver-general, or his deputy, by the several money-bills passed in the 5th and 6th sessions of the present assembly :

And another motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution, instead thereof ;

*Resolved,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the money-bills respectively stand committed, to receive a clause or clauses for reducing the commissions of the receiver-general, so as not to exceed official emolument in the years 1792 or 1793, when the late receiver-general obtained his lease of that office from the patentee :

And the question being put, upon the first of the said resolutions ;

Division;

The house divided :

The ayes went forth :

*Noes, 14* :—Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Henry, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grant, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Quier, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), and Mr. Bryan.

*Ayes, 17* :—Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Ker, Mr. Redwood, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Christie, Mr. Rofs, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Francklyn, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Israell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Tharp.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved,*

That no member of this house, holding any office of profit under the crown, either in his own right, or in the right of any other person, or executing any such office, either by himself or any substitute, or deputy, shall hereafter be allowed to vote in any case, wherein any matter shall come in question, touching any such office holden or executed, in the manner aforesaid, by such member ; but shall previously withdraw, whenever the question shall come to be determined by a division of the house :

Division:

The house divided :

The ayes went forth :

*Ayes, 13* :—Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Henry, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grant, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Quier, Mr. Stewart (of Port Royal), and Mr. Bryan.

*Noes, 18* :—Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Ker, Mr. Redwood, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Christie, Mr. Rofs, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Francklyn, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Israell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Shaw.

So it passed in the negative.

*Ordered,*

To be published,

That the proceedings of the house, on the above two questions, be published

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in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for four weeks.

*Resolved,*

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, requesting that he will be pleased to give directions for postponing the sailing of the packet, until Monday the 9th day of December next.

Resolution to postpone packet.

*Resolved, nem. con.*

That the time limited for receiving business of a private nature, be extended to the 7th of December next; in consideration of the intercourse between the country and the capital having been interrupted by heavy rains, which have rendered several rivers impassable:

Time for receiving petitions extended:

*Ordered,*

That the above resolution of the house be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for one week.

To be published.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, ‘An act to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island,’ with the following amendment:

Message from council, on army baggage bill.

“In the 20th line from the top of the sheet, after the words, ‘who shall,’ delete the word ‘jointly,’ and all the words in the succeeding lines, as far as the word ‘hire,’ inclusive, in the 26th line; and, in place thereof, insert the following words:

‘Issue a notice in writing, to be signed by such magistrates, directed to such person and persons who may be possessed of carts, waggons, mules, boats, wherries, and negroes, requiring such possessors to furnish such carts, waggons, mules, boats, wherries, and negroes, as may be wanted for the service, as aforesaid; which notice in writing, the officer or officers commanding the company or companies, for whose use the same are required, shall cause to be delivered to, or be served upon, such possessors, by some person or persons belonging to such company or companies; and such justices, upon proof produced before them, of the said service having been performed, shall, and they are hereby authorized to, draw on the receiver-general for the time being, for such sum and sums of money as, in their judgment, shall be a reasonable hire for such carts, waggons, boats, wherries, and negroes.’

*Resolved,*

That the consideration of the above message be postponed till to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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Prayers. **ORDERED,**

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, to postpone the packet.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for postponing the sailing of the packet, until Monday, the ninth day of December next."

Ordered,

That Mr. Edwardes and Mr. C. Mitchell be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message, and also to carry the engrossed bill of yesterday to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof; and that his honour, in answer to the message, was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Amendment to army baggage bill, disagreed to.

The amendment proposed by the council, in their message of yesterday, to the bill entitled, "An act for regulating the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island," being read;

Resolved,

That the house do disagree to the said amendment, and adhere to their bill.

Leave of absence to Mr. Tharp.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Tharp, mentioning that particular business required his presence immediately, in the parish of Hanover, and requesting leave of absence for a fortnight.

Ordered,

That he have leave of absence accordingly.

Horse-race bill, read second time.

The bill to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Rutherford's trust bill, read second time.

The bill empowering John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Fraser, and John Murdoch, trustees in a certain indenture or deed of trust, to sell certain lands in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, and invest the purchase-money in other real estate, or in other good and sufficient security, to the uses contained in the said deed, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Silvera's trust bill presented.

Mr. Fitch, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enable the executors and trustees of the will of Aaren Silvera, deceased, to make a good and valid lease of certain premises, part of the estate of the said Aaron Silvera; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

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Mr. Henry, from the committee, to whom the petition of William Bolt, of the parish of St. Ann, planter, on behalf of himself and others, interested in the new road on the westernmost bank of Negro-River, in the said parish, commonly called Voce's road, reported,

William Bolt's petition reported.

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a bill should be brought in, authorizing the erecting of a turnpike on the said road, for the collecting certain toll duties, to be therein expressed, for securing to the petitioner the sum of money stated in his petition, as necessary to be advanced for the completion of the road, and under such regulations as to the house shall seem meet :

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Henry, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), and Mr. Grant, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

Mr. Mowat, from the committee, appointed to examine a map of the county of Cornwall, executed by James Robertson, surveyor, in pursuance of an order of the house, of the 14th December, 1797, and conformably to his petition and proposals, presented to the late assembly, on the 19th April, 1796, reported,

Report on Robertson's map of Cornwall.

That they had examined the said map with the greatest attention, and are unanimously of opinion, that it is executed with very great accuracy, fully comprising all the objects stated in Mr. Robertson's petition and proposals :

That Mr. Robertson, having diligently and faithfully executed the third part of his contract, is entitled to the sum of 2500*l.* to be vested in the hands of the receiver-general for the time being, for the use of the said James Robertson, his heirs and assigns, after the final performance of the conditions contained in the said proposals ; and that, in the mean time, he is entitled to receive the interest of the said sum annually ; and that the committee are of opinion, that the said map should be left in the hands of the said James Robertson, to be by him improved, by inserting therein such new settlements as may be made during his general survey of the island, and to have delineated thereon the several mountains, for the purpose of having the whole engraved in the completest manner.

A petition of Ballard Beckford Nembhard, clerk of the peace for the parish of Kingston, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

B. B. Nembhard's petition.

“ That, by the foreign slave act now in force, the petitioner is required to make out and deliver to all French persons, residing in the towns of Kingston and Port-Royal, who are possessed of any foreign domestic slaves, and who should produce such slaves before the sitting magistrates, and make it appear that such slaves were really and *bonâ fide* domestic slaves, and had never borne arms, or acted in any military capacity, a certificate for each such slave, in the form by the said act directed ; and that the petitioner is also required to register all such slaves, in manner prescribed by the said act :

“ That the petitioner is also required by the said act, to make a return of all the certificates issued at such general registry, to the custos or chief magistrate of Kingston, in which shall be set forth the substance and date of every such certificate, under a penalty in the said act mentioned ; in compensation for which, and for certificating and registering all such slaves, the petitioner is entitled to receive 100*l.* :

“ That, by a return made by the petitioner to the house, during the present session,

cession, in obedience to an order for that purpose, it will appear that 1513 slaves, of the description in the said act mentioned, have been certificated and registered:

“ That the owners of such slaves, being directed by the said act to give in, on oath, the numbers, names, and qualities of them, to entitle them to obtain the necessary certificates, the petitioner, or his deputy, had great trouble in preparing the several affidavits; and, from the inquiries and examinations necessary to ascertain the name, age, figure, and country, of such a number of slaves, and the several other particulars directed by the said act, the certificating and registering all such slaves, was attended with infinite trouble, and required a constant attendance of about ten weeks:

“ That the said return made by the petitioner to the house, is contained on 45 sheets of folio post; copies of which the petitioner had previously furnished to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to the custos of Kingston:

“ That the petitioner submits to the house, that the sum of 100*l.* allowed him by the said act as before mentioned, is inadequate to the trouble he has had, and the loss of time consequent thereon.”

And praying for relief.

Dr. Robinson's petition.

A petition of surgeon John Robinson, of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, was presented to the house, and read, “ praying the usual allowance of 100*l. per annum*, to the surgeon of the said regiment.”

Henry Burgefs's petition.

A petition of Henry Burgefs, of the parish of St. George, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That, in consideration of his having lost his eye-sight by a stroke of the sun, when on military duty, in the year 1792, the house have, in each succeeding year, allowed him 50*l.*:

“ That the petitioner has not yet recovered his eye-sight.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered*,

That the above report, and three petitions, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

George Robert Johnson's petition.

A petition of George Robert Johnson, of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner supplied a detachment of the 83d regiment, quartered at Fort-Charlotte, with 170 cords of fire-wood; for which there is due to him, the sum of 276*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* as stated in an annexed account.”

And praying for relief.

*Ditto.*

A petition of George Robert Johnson, of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner supplied 105 cords of fire-wood, for a detachment of the 83d regiment, quartered at Fort-Charlotte; for which there is due to him the sum of 170*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* as stated in an annexed account.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from Tre-lawny workhouse.

A petition of the corporation of the Trelawny workhouse, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the public is indebted unto the corporation, in the sum of 511*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* as stated in an account annexed.”

And praying for relief.

A petition

A petition of Benjamin Tenison, of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Benjamin Tenison's petition.

"That the petitioner supplied a detachment of the 83d regiment, quartered at Lucea barracks, with water, from the 21st of November, 1798, to the 24th of August, 1799, inclusive, as stated in an annexed certified account:

"That the petitioner supplied the said detachment with water, from the 25th of August last to the 18th of November following, inclusive, as stated in an account annexed."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Thomas Morley, tavern-keeper, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Thomas Morley's petition.

"That there were billeted on the petitioner, in October, 1798, ten non-commissioned officers of the 83d regiment, including a drummer and fifer."

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Maxwell, esquire, captain of the Twelve-Apostles-Battery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, John Maxwell's petition.

"That the petitioner was, by his honour the lieutenant-governor, appointed captain of the said battery, on the 7th August, 1798:

"That the petitioner not being aware, or apprized, of the necessity of making application to the house, for the pay and allowance usually granted to the captain of the said battery, omitted to do the same in the session of 1798, whereby provision was not made for the same, in any of the bills passed for raising money for the services of the current year:

"That the receiver-general hath paid to the petitioner, on his application, the pay of 6s. 8d. per day, from the date of his appointment to the 30th September last:

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 21l. 6s. 8d. for pay from 1st October last to 30th November instant; and also the sum of 131l. 5s. the usual allowance, at the rate of 100l. per annum, for boat and negro hire, from 7th August, 1798, to said 30th November instant."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above six petitions, and the accounts thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from St. Andrew.

"That the road leading from Hope-River, through Hall's Delight, in the said parish, to several coffee and other valuable settlements in that and the adjoining parishes, having been considerably injured by the frequency of heavy and severe floods, and there being in such road several steep hills, it was deemed expedient that a part of the same should be altered:

"That accordingly a new track was, some months since, laid out by a jury, conformably to an act of the legislature of this island, to lead from Papine estate, in the said parish, to Hall's Delight; which, if established as the public road, will be of great utility, and tend most essentially to the advantage of the community."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of St. George and St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from St. George and St. Mary.

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That

"That the grant of last year, to open a new road of communication from Annotto-Bay with the Dry-River road, to Kingston, has been expended upon the same, but has proved inadequate."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. George, Portland, and St. Andrew.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the parishes of St. George, Portland, and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the great road of communication from the borders of the parish of St. Andrew, to St. George and Portland, passing over very steep and rapid hills, is become dangerous, and almost impassable in several parts :

"That sundry new settlements are making in that part of the country, but it is impossible for the settlers to convey their produce to market, or for passengers to travel, without imminent risque."

And praying for relief.

Petition from Hanover.

A petition of several inhabitants of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the sums heretofore granted by the house, for repairing the road from Tom's Spring to Buxton, have proved inadequate.

And praying for relief.

Another from the same.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That several of the inhabitants are settling upon a new road, which has been laid out, as appears by an annexed diagram; which, when completed, will be of great utility :

"That the petitioners are not able to complete the said road, without the assistance of the house."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. Catherine.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road leading from the great Angels road, through the mountains to Tulloch-estate, in St. Thomas in the Vale, is greatly out of repair, and has suffered considerable damage by the late floods :

"That great part of the said road is the only communication, between the said parish of St. Thomas in the Vale and Spanish-Town, when the bridge at Sixteen-Mile-Walk is impassable :

"That the allotments on the said road, and the grants already received from the house, have proved inadequate."

And praying for relief.

Petition from Blue-Mountain-Valley.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, in the district of Blue-Mountain-Valley, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is not at present any direct road of communication between the upper part of the said Valley, to the north side of the island, although a very short and easy one might be made, from the Barrack plantation, along the banks of Morgan's River, through Shirley-Castle, to cross a low saddle on Cold-Ridge, near the easternmost point, and from thence to intersect the intended road leading from Portland to the south side, as appears by an annexed diagram :

"That the said road would be the means of settling a large fertile tract of land on the Blue-Mountains :

"That the petitioners are unable to support the expence of making such road."

And praying for relief.

A petition

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the parish of St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. George.

"That the road from Kingston to Buff-Bay, in the said parish, which was executed in a very able manner, and by great exertions, has been found to be of great public utility, it having opened a new road into the country, now generally made use of as the shortest, safest, and easiest road, to the centre of St. George, and to Portland:

"That the parish of St. George has always granted extraordinary allotments for the support of this road:

"That the soil of the lands through which the road runs, is peculiarly well adapted to the culture of coffee; in consequence of which, the settlements are become numerous, and the cultivation extensive, but great danger and inconvenience arise to the settlers and travellers, by being forced to cross Buff-Bay river twice, between Tranquillity and Charles-Town."

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry settlers in the Red-hills, in the parish of St. John, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from settlers in the Red-hills.

"That the petitioners are possessed of properties, and are beginning to settle in the Red-hills, in the parish of St. John, where no public road leads, on which allotments have been granted for many years:

"That the petitioners have been under the necessity of getting a road laid out, agreeably to an annexed diagram, which has been tracked, and partly opened, at their private expence; and that it is not in the petitioners' power to complete the said road, without the assistance of the house."

And praying for relief.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of Port-Royal and St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Port-Royal and St. David.

"That the petitioners have been at a considerable expence in opening a new road, for upwards of four miles, leading from Yallahs-River, in the upper part of the said parishes, along the course of Green-River, into the interior of the island:

"That this road will prove of the greatest advantage to the island, as it will lead to a very valuable tract of wood-land, and consequently will encourage the petitioners to cultivate the lands they have already opened, and induce others to become settlers:

"That the petitioners alone are not able to enlarge the same."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above ten petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 500*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island," passed in the year 1793:

Motion to amend prize-goods act:

Ordered,

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. B. Stewart (of Port-Royal), be a committee for that purpose.

Then

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

Veneris, 29<sup>o</sup> die Novembris, 1799.

*Præparis.* ORDERED,  
That the following message be sent to the council :

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council,  
on army baggage  
bill.

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honours, and to acquaint you, that they disagree to the amendment proposed by your honours, to the bill entitled, 'An act to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island;' and do adhere to their bill.*"

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Dawson and Mr. Ker be a committee to carry the above message, and the bill therein mentioned, to the council ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Silvera's trust bill,  
read second time.

The bill to enable the executors and trustees of the will of Aaron Silvera, deceased, to make a good and valid lease of certain premises, part of the estate of the said Aaron Silvera, was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, on Tuesday next.

Account of negroes,  
imported and ex-  
ported, at Montego-  
Bay.

According to order, " An account of all negroes imported from Africa, into the port of Montego-Bay, from the 24th November, 1792, to 1st November, 1799 ; specifying the ships, and the number of negroes which have been imported in each such ship, and the dates of their importation respectively ;" also, " An account of all new negroes exported from the port of Montego-Bay, from 24th November, 1792, to 1st November, 1799 ; specifying the ships, and the number of negroes which have been exported in each such ship, and the dates of their exportation respectively," were laid before the house :

And the said accounts being severally read, are as follows :

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. IV.*

*Ordered,*

That the above accounts, or returns, be referred to the committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d November, 1792 ; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same, and to state to the house how far such measures may

may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion, how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government.

Mr. Shirley, from the commissioners of the board of works, reported,

Report from board  
of works.

That the commander in chief having been pleased to signify to the board, on the 26th April last, his intention to establish one company of the 60th regiment in the parish of Trelawny, and one company in the parish of St. Elizabeth, the board ordered a letter to be written to their sub-committees in those parishes, requesting them to point out some proper spot, in their respective districts, for stationing the number of troops mentioned in Mr. Alston's letter:

That the sub-committees having, in consequence, communicated their ideas to the board, the surveyor of public works was directed to make an actual survey of the situations pointed out by the sub-committees, and to report his opinion thereon, to the board:

That the commissioners have judged it proper to annex to their report, the original communication of the commander in chief; copies of the several letters which passed between the sub-committees and the clerk to the board; and the letter of instructions given to the surveyor of public works; that the house may be in full possession of all the circumstances of the case now presented to their consideration:

That, on the 27th instant, the surveyor of public works made his report to the board, and which is annexed; that the situations pointed out in the survey made by Mr. Frazer, have met with the concurrence of the commander in chief, and appear to the commissioners eligible and proper:

That, should the house think it expedient to confirm the report made by the surveyor of public works, it will be necessary that a bill should be brought in, granting powers to certain commissioners to purchase lands; and the commissioners request that the house will distinctly point out, the quantity of land they may think sufficient:

That the board are induced to offer it as their opinion to the house, that the powers granted to such commissioners, should extend to the purchasing the entire quantity of land, the house may have it in contemplation to grant to the 1st and 4th battalions of the 60th regiment, for their permanent settlement, around or contiguous to the barracks proposed to be erected, after the period of service for which they have been enlisted shall have elapsed.

"SIR,

King's house, 26th April, 1799.

"I am commanded by the lieutenant-governor to acquaint the board, that he wishes to establish one company of the 60th regiment in the parish of Trelawny, and one company in the parish of St. Elizabeth; and he requests that the board will take the necessary steps, towards the accomplishing this object.

"The establishment of one company is in the margin.

"I have the honour to be, your most obedient humble servant.

"J. ALSTON, secretary.

"William Bullock, esquire, clerk board of works."

[Copy.]—[Circular.]

"GENTLEMEN,

"Enclosed I send you a copy of a letter from major Alston, secretary to the commander in chief.

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1 captain  
2 lieutenants  
1 ensign  
5 sergeants  
5 c. r. orals  
2 drummers  
95 privates.

"Board of works office,  
27th April, 1799.

"The board requests that you would have the goodness to point out, with all convenient speed, a proper spot in your district, for stationing the number of troops mentioned in Mr. Alston's letter. It is unnecessary for me to observe, that it must be a situation easy of access, whither provisions may be carried with facility, and abounding with good water. The board wish also to be informed, whether it is private property, and if in the possession of persons who could treat for the sale of it. A preference would of course be given to king's land.

"I am directed to request your immediate attention to this subject, as the board are desirous that no time should be lost, in preparing for the reception of the troops expected to arrive.

"I am, &c.

W. BULLOCK.

"*Joseph James Swaby and Hungerford Spooner, esquires, St. Elizabeth;*  
and *James Stewart and Peter Francklyn, esquires, Trelawny.*"

"SIR,

*Trelawny, May 6, 1799.*

"We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with a duplicate of that of major Alston to the board of works, received last post; and, in compliance with the wishes of the board, we have endeavoured to obtain the most correct information, on the nature and situation of such parts of the interior of this parish, as may be best adapted to the purpose of establishing a company of the 60th regiment.

"As the necessary objects to be attended to, in determining a proper situation are, firstly water, secondly soil fit for cultivation, and thirdly the most easy and shortest carriage of provisions for the post, it appears to us, from the best information we have been yet able to obtain, that the situations of Mouth-River, Quashie's River, or Hector's River, are the most eligible; all in the district of the Black Grounds.

"On inquiry, we do not find that any king's land is to be had in those quarters; but we are induced to think the quantity required, might readily be obtained from the present possessors, on easy terms.

"We remain, sir, your obedient humble servants,

"JAMES STEWART,

"PETER FRANCKLYN.

"*Clerk to the board of works.*"

[Copy.]

"*Board of works office, 11th May, 1799.*

"GENTLEMEN,

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in answer to mine of the 27th of last month.

"I am directed by the board to observe, that in fixing on a spot eligible as a station for a company of the 60th regiment, the nature of the soil is not an object of peculiar importance, as they have in view only the establishment of a strong military post, for the defence of the interior of your district, and not the ultimate purpose of colonization. I have also to submit to your consideration, whether, as the commissioners for St. Elizabeth will, most probably, make choice of a situation in the neighbourhood of Hector's River, you might not think it expedient to establish a post at a greater distance.

"No further grant of land will be necessary, than may be sufficient for affording vegetables and convenience for the officers and men.

"As the establishment of these posts is a measure the legislature have attached great importance to, I have to solicit your early attention to the subject, and that I  
may

may be furnished with the most correct information, as to the parties who may own the land you may think proper to point out.

"I am, with the highest respect and deference, gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant,

" W. BULLOCK.

" *James Stewart and Peter Francklyn, esquires, Trelawny.*"

" SIR,

*Trelawny, May 14th, 1799.*

"In consequence of your letter of the 11th instant, to Mr. Francklyn and myself, informing us, that the board have in view only the establishing of a strong military post, for the defence of the interior of this parish, and not the ultimate purpose of colonization, we have endeavoured to make ourselves acquainted with those situations which would be most eligible for the purpose, and are of opinion, that a run of land, consisting of about 300 acres, on the borders of Quashie's River, in the Black Grounds, would be the best adapted, being a sufficient distance from Hector's River, which may be fixed upon as a post on the side of St. Elizabeth: A part of Mr. Cockburn's land lies in that quarter, with whom the board may treat for the purchase of it, if our recommendation should be approved of; provisions might now be transported to the spot, and a small expence would make a good road to it.

"I am, sir, your very humble servant,

" JAMES STEWART.

" *The clerk of the board of works.*"

" SIR,

*St. Elizabeth's, 14th May, 1799.*

"Since the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have been unable to answer it sooner: I am informed, that general Brereton pointed out a spot proper to erect a barrack, near Hector's River, on the confines of Trelawny and this parish; perhaps more perfect information on the subject may be obtained from him. I apprehend it will not be found easy of access, and perhaps very expensive and difficult to render it so.

"I am, sir, your most obedient servant,

" JOSEPH JAMES SWABY.

" *The clerk to the board of works.*"

[Copy.]

*" Board of works office, 18th May, 1799.*

" GENTLEMEN,

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. Swaby, in answer to mine of the 27th ultimo, in which he states that he is informed, that general Brereton pointed out a spot proper to erect a barrack on, near Hector's River, but which he apprehended would not be found easy of access, and perhaps very expensive and difficult to render it so.

"I beg leave to call your attention to my letter of the 27th ultimo, and to observe, that as colonel Brereton has left this island, the board can derive no information from him on the subject; and indeed, from Mr. Swaby's statement, the spot appears to have been very ineligible, from its difficulty of access, and the probable expence of removing that objection; the board particularly request, that you would take the matter into your earliest consideration, as the troops are arrived, and the commander in chief wishes to send them into the interior as soon as possible.

"In regard to the quantity of land, it may be necessary to observe, that the present

sent objects held in view by his lordship, extend only to a military post, and not the ultimate purpose of colonization: You will, therefore, exercise your discretion, as to the quantity of land necessary for the accommodation of the number of officers and men mentioned in Major Alston's letter to me, a copy of which I had the honour to send you, enclosed in mine of the 27th ultimo.

"I am, &c.

W. BULLOCK.

"J. J. Swaby and H. Spooner, esquires, St. Elizabeth."

"SIR,

*Black-River, 29th May, 1799.*

"We, the sub-committee of the board of works, beg leave to recommend for consideration, the enclosed extract of a letter from Mr. James Robertson, which appears to us, as pointing out a proper spot in the district of St. Elizabeth, for stationing the number of troops mentioned in your letter of the 27th ultimo; and that a surveyor should be appointed to ascertain the situation, and to whom the land belongs.

"We are, sir, your obedient servants,

"H. SPOONER.

"DAVID SHAKESPEAR,

"THOMAS WARREN.

"*The clerk to the board of works.*"

"*An extract of a letter from Mr. James Robertson, surveyor, to Hungerford Spooner, esquire, of St. Elizabeth, respecting a proper spot for establishing a company of the 60th regiment, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.*

"The just thing to be considered, is the boundary between the parishes, that the barracks may be placed within each respectively; Hector's River is, with the greatest propriety, considered that boundary, from its head to its conflux with Coco-River; to wit, at the place where the St. Elizabeth's encampment was in the maroon war; from which place, the line will run westwardly, between Accompong and Trelawny Towns, to the intersection of the boundary between St. James and Westmoreland: My opinion is, that somewhere about the sinking of Hector's River would completely answer, and fully satisfy, the requisites of water, soil, and near communication for the troops, as, from it is the track, lately discovered by the St. Elizabeth's militia, leading to the Island estate, and also the present path or old road to One-Eye."

*Extracts from the minutes of the board of works.*

"31st May, 1799.

"Mr. Cockburn informed the board, that he had received a letter from their clerk, desiring to know whether he was disposed to treat for the sale of a run of land, on the borders of Quashie's River, whereon it was proposed to erect a barrack, and stated that he was perfectly ready and desirous to dispose of the same, at any price that might be deemed reasonable.

"Ordered, that the surveyor of public works do view Mr. Cockburn's land, and point out to the board a proper spot, whereon to erect a barrack, and report the same to the board."

"7th June, 1799.

"The clerk laid before the board, a letter from the sub-committee of St. Elizabeth's, which was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

*(Vide letter dated 29th May.)*

"Ordered, that the surveyor of public works do view the land mentioned in

in the letter of the sub-committee, and that he do obtain the most correct information, in whose hands the land is, and whether they are empowered and desirous to sell the same; and, in such event, that he do fix on some station eligible for erecting a barrack."

"SIR,

*Board of works office, Aug. 3, 1799.*

"The commander in chief having signified to the board of works, his intention to station in the interior of the country, two companies of the 60th regiment, and the board having, in consequence of such intimation, directed me to write to the sub-committees of the parishes of St. Elizabeth and Trelawny, requesting them to fix on situations eligible for that purpose. I enclose you copies of my correspondence with those gentlemen on the subject, and also of the orders of the board of works, directing you to view the situations referred to in those letters, and report your opinion thereon, to the board.

"I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient humble servant.

"W. BULLOCK,

"William Frazer, esquire."

"Clerk to the board of works.

"In obedience to the orders of the board, of the 6th of May and 7th June last, and in compliance with similar orders from the commander in chief, I have visited the places pointed out as proper stations for troops, in the parishes of St. Elizabeth and Trelawny, and have the honour to submit to the board, a survey or scheme, where those places, and the different roads by which the same may be approached, on either side of the island, are correctly laid down: So far as the roads, rivers, and places, are represented, I have collected from actual surveys, on the accuracy of which I have full reliance, corroborated to me by the information of the oldest and most respectable settlers in the vicinity; the other parts of the scheme, wherein the breaking and formation of the ground, is concerned, are represented from my own investigation: In the access from the north side, to the letter A, I had the honour of being accompanied by the custos of Trelawny, who, by his obliging attention, and personal trouble, very much facilitated my duty.

"Being called on to offer my observations and opinions, I have to say, that from Rio-Bueno to the north line of Mahogany-Hall, being eight miles, is an excellent carriage-road; and, from that line to the Alps, being five miles, is a remarkable good bridle-road, and at a moderate expence, may be made fit for carriages; from the Alps to Quallie's River, at A, being four miles, there is a bridle-road, not yet finished, but in great forwardness, which, by judicious management, may be also made as good a carriage-road as occurs in the interior of the island; from A to B, being by the present track about eight miles, passing through the Black Grounds, the land is perfectly easy, and will admit of any road; the whole distance, from Rio-Bueno to B, is twenty-five miles: To approach the stations from the south side, from Black-River to Elim barquadier by water (the usual passage), is computed about thirty miles; from Elim to Oxford, being nine miles and a half, is a carriage-road, but at some seasons is almost impassable; from Oxford to B, being five miles, is a path over rugged and steep precipices; the whole distance from Black-River to A is fifty-two miles and a half. I am of opinion, that the approach from the north side will be found infinitely nearer, easier, and certainly most convenient: The road on the south side, from Oxford to Hector's River, at B, can only be made easy, good, and permanent, at an enormous expence, great labour, and lapse of time, though it does not appear to me, that it or any other road can be practica-

ble, over Noffau mountains to Hestor's River: The two stations at A and B, being approved of by the commander in chief, as adequate to the protection of the settlers. I think it my duty to recommend that road, by which the troops to be stationed there, can be most easily, and at the least expence, supplied, for which purpose the communication from the north side has a most decided preference.

“W. FRAZER, s. p. w.”

Alexander Forbes's  
petition.

A petition of Alexander Forbes the younger, superintendant of Accompong Ma-  
roon-Town, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 50*l*. for one year's lodging-mo-  
ney as such superintendant, there not being a house provided for his reception in the  
said town.”

And praying for relief.

*Idem*.

A petition of Alexander Forbes the younger, superintendant of Accompong Ma-  
roon-Town, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the petitioner has long been superintendant of the said town, to which  
charge he has diligently attended:

“That, by reason of the great increase in the price of all necessaries of life, the  
petitioner finds the salary, as heretofore allowed him, very inadequate.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above report, and two petitions, be referred to the committee of the  
whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the  
island.

Petition from St.  
Ann's workhouse.

A petition of the president, guardians, and governors, of the St. Ann's workhouse,  
was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That a detachment of the 83*d* regiment was stationed at the barracks on St.  
Ann's Bay, and not being provided with pioneers, application was made by the  
commanding officer to the churchwardens, magistrates, and vestrymen, to be sup-  
plied therewith, who gave directions that the negroes in the workhouse should act  
as such; which they did, as stated in an account annexed.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition, and the account thereto annexed, be referred to  
the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they  
inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion  
thereon, to the house.

Petition from Car-  
penter's Mountains.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the district called Carpenter's Mountains, in  
the parish of Vere, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the road leading from the king's road at Cocoa-Walk, to Calabash-  
Bay, is in very bad repair:

“That the usual allotments are not adequate to put the same into good condition:

“That it is a road of great and extensive communication with the interior of  
the island:

“That if the said road was put into good repair, great benefit would result to  
the inhabitants of the neighbouring parishes.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.  
Mary.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the  
house, and read, setting forth,

“That

"That the sum of 100*l*. granted last session, for the repair of the road from Palmeto-Grove to Guy's Hill, has been expended to the best advantage, but has been insufficient for the purpose intended."

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Mary.

"That the sum of 200*l*. granted last session, to be laid out on the road from St. Thomas in the Vale, through Mortar-Hall, to the road leading to St. George's, has been expended to the best advantage, but has proved inadequate."

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Another from the same.

"That the grants made by the house towards completing the road No 55, in the said parish, leading from Donnington-Castle to Parker's Vale, have been found inadequate to the completion thereof, for the carriage of produce, although laid out to the best advantage."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Portland.

"That the turning or altering of that part of the public road, leading from Port-Antonio to Bath, which goes over Break heart hill, would be attended with many conveniencies and advantages :

"That large tracts of valuable land remain uncultivated, by reason of the difficulty of conveying produce over the said hill :

"That the petitioners are unable, without the aid of the house, to make such alteration."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Andrew.

"That a road hath lately been laid out and altered, communicating with the Stoncy-Hill road, and forming a junction with the St. Mary's road, along the west side of the river, by which six fordings of the Wag-Water river are avoided, and affording a communication from Kingston to the north side, without crossing the said river ; which, in times of flood, is very dangerous :

"That it will be attended with great expence to make the said road, and keep the same in repair ; that the allotment allowed on said road, will be inadequate for that purpose, and that the petitioners will stand in need of a further sum of 800*l*. to effect the aforesaid purpose :

"That it will be beneficial to the public, if the said road shall be properly and substantially made, and constantly kept in repair ; which the petitioners are unable to do."

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parishes of St. George, Portland, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. George, Portland, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew.

"That a road has been tracked and laid out from Eden estate, near the mouth of Swift-River, in the parish of St. George, to Silver-Hill, in Port-Royal Mountains, which forms a near and short communication across the island, and passes through a large tract of uncultivated land, the soil and climate of which are inferior to none in the island, for the culture of coffee and other produce, and is intended to avoid the

the dangers and inconveniencies of the present public road, occasioned by the many fordings of deep and rapid rivers:

“That the said road is also intended to communicate, in the centre of the island, with the new road now carrying on from the junction of the east and west Spanish-Rivers, and also with the new road from Portland, through Old Nanny-Town; and which roads, when completed, will render accessible all the adjacent country, lying between the maroon-towns of Charles-Town and Nanny-Town, where the chief hunting-grounds of the maroons lie, and will encourage the opening and cultivating those otherwise inaccessible mountains:

“That the several grants which have been made by the house, to carry the said road through, have been worked out thereon; that many of the petitioners have gratuitously employed a great number of their negroes on the said road, in addition to the public grants, towards completing the same; which, altogether, have proved insufficient for that purpose; that the said road cannot be completed, without further assistance from the house:

“That, since the last grant made by the house, several new settlements have been formed on the lands through which the said road passes, in the confidence of receiving the aid of the house in completing the same.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. David.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the upper part of the parish of St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the road leading from Yallah's-River to Old Monckland plantation, part of the great road leading through the interior to the east end of the island, is extremely narrow, and very dangerous to pass with loaded mules, in conveying the produce of a number of extensive but infant settlements, to market:

“That the money expended for the improvement of the said road, has been found insufficient to make that improvement which is absolutely necessary, for the safety of persons and cattle travelling the same”

And praying for relief.

Another from the same.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the road of inland communication, leading from Llandewy fording to the tenth mile stone on the windward road, is of very material benefit to the mountain settlements of the said parish, and those adjoining, and is likely to become more useful as those settlements increase:

“That the money heretofore granted by the house, for the improvement of the said road, has been faithfully and judiciously expended, but has proved insufficient.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from Blue-Mountain-Valley.

A petition of the inhabitants of Blue-Mountain-Valley, in the parishes of St. Thomas in the East and St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the road leading through the upper and interior parts of St. David, opening a communication highly necessary for the safety of the eastern extremity of the island, and of the north side, has been always considered by the house as an object of importance:

“That the said road is now in need of repair.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above ten petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal

internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from St. Jago de la Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at Dry-River, in the parish of Clarendon; and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid: Mayday-hill road bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ker took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Ker, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.  
*"An act for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from St. Jago de la Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at Dry-River, in the parish of Clarendon; and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid."*

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to amend an act entitled, "An act to regulate wharfage and storage," so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary: St. Mary's wharfage bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.  
*"An act to amend an act, entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storage,' so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary."*

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to extend the powers granted by a certain act entitled, "An act for building a stone-bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine:" Rio-Cobre bridge bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. W. Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. W. Mitchell, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.  
*"An act to extend the powers granted by a certain act entitled, 'An act for building a stone-bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine.'"*

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Ordered,

*Ordered,*

100 guineas to be  
lent to agent for  
Lieutenant Rofs's  
sword.

That the receiver-general do remit to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for this island, the sum of one hundred guineas, voted the 30th November, 1798, to lieutenant William Rofs, of his majesty's schooner Recovery, for the purchase of a sword; and that the clerk of the house do transmit to lieutenant Rofs, a copy of this resolution, and likewise a copy of the resolution of the house, of the 30th November, 1798.

*Ordered,*

Members added to  
road committee.

That Mr. Murphy, Mr. Henry, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Israell, and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), be added to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

*Ordered,*

Members added to  
committee on close-  
harbour bill.

That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Murphy, be added to the committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the report made to the house on the 15th of November instant, from the committee to whom the petitions of the magistrates and vestry of the parish of St. James, and of the president, directors, and stock-holders, of the close-harbour company, severally presented to the house this session, were referred.

*Resolved,*

Jasper Farmer, es-  
quire, to prepare  
draft of bill in aid  
of the militia law.

That the committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a bill in aid of the present militia law, be allowed to employ Jasper Farmer, esquire, to prepare the draft of the said bill, at the public expence.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

*First message.*

“MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieu-  
tenant-governor,

“I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house sundry memorials and accounts; of which the following is a list.”

with sundry memo-  
rials and accounts.

- No. 1. Memorial of lieutenant W. Johnson.  
2. Petition of deputy quarter-master general.  
3. Contingent and lodging-money account, 83d regiment.  
4. Contingent account 66th regiment.  
5. Lodging-money and contingent account, 20th light dragons.  
6. Account of captain De la Houssaine, 1st battalion 60th regiment.  
7. Contingent account 67th regiment.  
8. Contingent account 1st battalion 60th regiment.  
9. Contingent account 4th battalion 60th regiment.  
10. Petition of major Gould.  
11. Petition of the island barrack master general.  
12. Memorial of major Butter, and pioneer account.  
13. Memorial of surgeon Lind.  
14. Memorial of hospital surgeon Clough.  
15. Account of Agnes Scott.

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- No. 16. Account of Thomas Ashmeade.  
 17. Pioneer account of the deputy adjutant-general.  
 18. Account of S. Shelly and company.  
 19. Waggonage account of the 18th dragoons.  
 20. Lodging-money and contingent account, 63d regiment.  
 21. Lodging-money account, York hussars.  
 22. George Woodbine's account of pioneer hire.  
 23. J. M. Dwver's account.  
 24. J. Donaldson's account of mule hire.  
 25. Contingent account, 1st battalion 60th regiment.  
 26. The hospital surgeon's account.  
 27. Memorial of major-general Churchill.  
 28. Memorial of Thomas Anderson, surgeon York hussars.  
 29. Memorial of the officers 67th regiment.  
 30. Memorial of George Innes.  
 31. Petition of captain Read's wives.

*Ordered,*

That the memorials and accounts sent down in the above message, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

*Second message.*

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house the returns made by the several superintendants of the maroon-towns, in conformity to the message of the house of the 7th November.”

Message from lieutenant-governor, with returns of maroons.

MOORE-TOWN.

Men, 54; boys, 20; women, 81; girls, 9; children, 108:—Total, 272.

CHARLES-TOWN.

Officers, 4; men shot, 69; women, 88; boys, 42; girls, 32; children, 55; invalid, 1;—Total, 291.

SCOTT'S HALL.

Men, 14; women, 11; boys, 10; girls, 13:—Total, 48.

ACCOMPONG-TOWN.

Men fit to carry arms, 32; boys, 57; women, 49; girls, 25:—Total, 163.

Grand Total, 774.

For more particular returns, containing the names and ages of the maroons, see appendix, No. V.

*Ordered,*

That the above message, and the returns therewith sent, do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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Return to Portland writ.

A MESSAGE from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writ of election for the parish of Portland; which, with the provost-marshal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that John Sutton Minot, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish, in the room of George Fuller, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated:

And the said John Sutton Minot, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly.

St. Mary's wharfage bill passed.

The engrossed bill to amend an act entitled, "*An act to regulate wharfage and storage,*" so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Mayday-hill road bill passed.

The engrossed bill for amending and keeping in repair, the road leading from St. Jago de la Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at Dr. River, in the parish of Clarendon; and for vesting in trustees, the toll raised by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Rio-Cobre bridge bill passed.

The engrossed bill to extend the powers granted by a certain act entitled, "*An act for building a stone-bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine,*" was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Andrew Wills's petition reported.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, to whom the petition of Andrew Wills, of the parish of Trelawny, planter, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend the petitioner to the consideration of the house, in respect to the loss stated in his petition to have been sustained by him, in consequence of the depredations of the rebellious runaway slaves:

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

J. T. W. Bennett's petition.

A petition of John Thomas William Bennett, printer, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth.

"That the advertisements mentioned in an account annexed, were inserted in the Daily Advertiser, agreeably to the directions sent with them."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition, and the account thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition

A petition of the magistrates, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. George.

“ That the petitioners have laid out a jury-road, from the Dry-River road, to the church, court-house, and place of general military muster, at Buff-Bay, in the said parish, whereby many of the petitioners exchanged a circuitous road of fourteen miles, for one of five miles, through a large tract of valuable uncultivated land :

“ That the said road, by forming a junction with the Dry-River road, will be of great advantage to the inhabitants of the parishes of Portland and St. George, as it will not only shorten the distance considerably, but also enable them to avoid the many dangerous fordings and inconveniencies of Wag-Water :

“ That the petitioners obtained, last year, a grant from the house, of 200*l.* for the purpose of being laid out on the said road, which has proved inadequate.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Another from the same.

“ That the petitioners settling in the interior part of the said parish, have put into cultivation several hundred acres of land, and are continuing so to do, which has added, and will add, considerably to the population and strength of the country :

“ That the house granted, in 1797, the sum of 400*l.* for a road from Shirley’s pen (now Chepstow), in St. George, to intersect the Swift-River road ; which, with a large subscription, has been expended on the said road, but has been found inadequate.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the magistrates, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parishes of St. Andrew and St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Andrew and St. George.

“ That the house, in the year 1798, granted the sum of 200*l.* for improving and making a road from Mr. Fox’s plantation, in the parish of St. Andrew, to Dry-River, in the said parish of St. George :

“ That the said grant has been faithfully worked out, but has proved inadequate :

“ That the said road, from its junction at the St. Andrew’s line, goes through a great tract of land in the parish of St. George, for at least ten miles :

“ That the said road is the shortest communication from the north to the south side, and by which the many dangerous fords of Wag-Water are avoided :

“ That the vestry of St. George has granted large allotments to the said road, but they are insufficient.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above three petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of Hugh Frazer, late deputy-marshal, and keeper of the county-gaol for Surrey, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Hugh Frazer’s petition.

“ That the petitioner, in the session of last year, presented to the house, on petition, an account amounting to 87*l.* 11*s.* 1½*d.* being for money advanced for the maintenance of prisoners confined in Kingston gaol :

“ That the said account was referred to the committee of the house, appointed

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for stating and settling the public accounts, to be examined, with an instruction to the said committee, to report their opinion thereon :

“ That the said committee did not report on the said petition :

“ That the petitioner is induced to believe the said account is among the papers of the session 1708.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. C. Mitchell, and Mr. Murphy; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Alexander Watt's  
petition :

A petition of Alexander Watt, practitioner in physic and surgery, and island assistant surgeon to the forces, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That, during the session of 1707, the petitioner presented a petition to the house, praying payment of two annexed accounts; that the prayer of the said petition was not granted, in consequence of a resolution of the house, of the 30th day of November, 1707 :

“ That the petitioner, from the implied sense of the said resolution, made application to the surgeon-general, and afterwards by memorial to the commander in chief, without obtaining relief :

“ That the petitioner is, in consequence, forced to renew his application to the house, and, with all deference and submission, begs leave to lay his case before it for re-consideration, and hopes that the following circumstances will plead in his behalf :

“ *1<sup>st</sup>*. That the accounts are amply proved by the proper vouchers, and have never been disputed : *2<sup>d</sup>*. That the troops stationed at Montego-Bay have never, until after the 4th day of October, 1797, been supplied by government with medicines, notwithstanding numerous detachments have been constantly stationed there, ever since the 5th December, 1791 (excepting the case of the 16th regiment of foot, which brought its medicine chest from Halifax); the detachments of all the other regiments being utterly destitute of them, were supplied by the petitioner, whose accounts, for all articles so supplied, previous to this time, have always been regularly admitted and paid by the house : *3<sup>d</sup>*. That the supply of his majesty's troops with medicines, was never an object of advantage to the petitioner; that he repeatedly applied for them, and that his supplying them proceeded only from his being unable otherwise to obtain them : *4<sup>th</sup>*. That these accounts were incurred prior to the resolution of the house, passed in 1797, at a time when the petitioner was led to suppose his conduct correct and regular : Lastly, that the petitioner has suffered considerably by the delay of compensation, and his circumstances in life cannot bear such a loss, without material injury to his credit and family.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

To lie on the table,

That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Horse-race bill  
committed ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ker took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Mr. Ker. from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place. and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county.*"

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill empowering John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Fraser, and John Murdoch, trustees in a certain indenture or deed of trust, to sell certain lands in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, and invest the purchase-money in other real estate, or in other good and sufficient security, to the uses contained in the said deed :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert. from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, without making any amendment thereto :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act empowering John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Fraser, and John Murdoch, trustees in a certain indenture or deed of trust, to sell certain lands in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, and invest the purchase-money in other real estate, or in other good and sufficient security, to the uses contained in the said deed.*"

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to enable the executors and trustees of the will of Aaron Silvera, deceased, to make a good and valid lease of certain premises, part of the estate of the said Aaron Silvera :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fitch took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fitch. from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, without making any amendment thereto :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to enable the executors and trustees of the will of Aaron Silvera, deceased. to make a good and valid lease of certain premises, part of the estate of the said Aaron Silvera.*"

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Rofs took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Rofs, from the committee, reported they had directed him to recommend to the

Reported ;

Engrossed.

Rutherford's trust bill committed ;

Engrossed.

Silvera's trust bill committed ;

Reported ;

Engrossed,

Bog-Walk turnpike bill,

to be re-committed;

the house, to re-commit the said bill, to the same committee who brought it in, to be re-considered :

To which the house agreed.

*Resolved,*

Council's journals.

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Grant, or either of them, be a committee to inspect the journals of the council.

*Resolved. nem. con.*

100 guineas to be sent to agent for captain Brooking's sword.

That the receiver-general do remit to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for the island, the sum of one hundred guineas, voted the 14th November last, to Samuel Brooking, esquire, captain of his majesty's ship Jamaica, for the purchase of a sword; and that the clerk of the house do transmit to captain Brooking, or his agent in this island, a copy of this resolution, and likewise a copy of the resolution of the house, of the said 14th day of November last.

*Resolved,*

Resolution respecting examination of Mr. Quarrell.

That a message be sent to the council, requesting their honours will permit the honourable William Dawes Quarrell, a member of their board, to attend and be examined before a committee of the house, appointed to take into consideration sundry papers and documents, relative to the maroons settled in Nova-Scotia, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Horse-race bill passed.

THE engrossed bill *to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county*, was read the third time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Rutherford's trust bill passed.

The engrossed bill *empowering John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Fraser, and John Murdoch, trustees in a certain indenture or deed of trust, to sell certain lands in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, and invest the purchase-money in other real estate, or in other good and sufficient security, to the uses contained in the said deed*, was read the third time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

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The engrossed bill *to enable the executors and trustees of the will of Aaron Silvera, deceased, to make a good and valid lease of certain premises, part of the estate of the said Aaron Silvera*, was read the third time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee, to whom the petition of sundry inhabitants of the parishes of St. Catherine, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of the said petition :

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

A petition of the magistrates, freeholders, and other the inhabitants, of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners labour under great inconvenience and obstructions, on account of the insufficiency of the barrack road, or road of communication between the parishes of St. James and Westmorland, but more particularly from Great-River bridge to the Crown Tavern :

“ That the petitioners are informed, and believe, that the said road may be made perfectly sufficient for the sum of 350*l*.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the river at Port-Antonio is often rendered impassable in bad weather, by reason of the quick-sands which are found in it, thereby preventing all intercourse with the windward part of the island for several days, and may, in case of internal commotion or invasion, cut off all succours from that quarter :

“ That the petitioners, to remove that evil, are desirous of making a road to strike about two miles distant from Port-Antonio, out of the breast-work road leading to Bath, to form a junction with the road leading from Turtle-Crawle, through the interior of the country, to Priestman's River.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l*. to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of Miles, John, and Thomas Williams, of the parish of St. Catherine, masons, being offered to the house :

*Resolved,*

That the said petition be rejected.

A member, in his place, informed the house, that his honour the lieutenant-governor had returned to him, an account of Thomas Jenkins against the public, which had been transmitted to his honour, to be sent down to the house, and which

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he had refused to send in a message, alledging, that the same ought to be presented on petition; and, it being too late to procure such petition, within the time prescribed by a resolution of the house for receiving private business, moved, that the said Thomas Jenkins should be indulged, until Tuesday the 17th December instant, to present his said account to the house on petition:

*Resolved, nem. con.*

Granted.

That, from the peculiar circumstance of the case, the said Thomas Jenkins be allowed such indulgence.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Tobis, 5<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

Return to Port-Royal writ.

A MESSAGE from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writ of election for the parish of Port-Royal; which, with the provost-marshal's return thereto, being read, it appeared that George Cuthbert, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish, in the room of Robert Jackson, esquire, expelled the house.

And the said George Cuthbert, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly.

Falmouth-water bill presented.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), according to order, presented to the house, a bill to constitute certain persons therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trelawny, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Amended Kingston police bill presented.

Mr. Fitch, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town; and for other purposes therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Alexander Aikman's petition.

A petition of Alexander Aikman, printer to the house, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner has done and performed a variety of printing business for the public, as set forth in an account annexed:

"That

"That he has furnished the members of the house, the council, and the judges of the supreme and assize courts, with copies of the authorized edition of the laws of the island, as he is directed to do by law.

"That he has also been at very extraordinary expence, in printing the votes of the house in the three last sessions, to the exclusion of other business; for all which he has not been paid."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition, and the account thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of several of the inhabitants of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Trelawny.

"That the following roads still require further grants, to make them complete; namely,

"The road from Liberty-Hall, on the main road from Falmouth to Dromilly, to the line of the parish of St. James, to meet the road from the sixteen mile-post, on the Eldersley road:

"The road from the Alps to Hector's River:

"The great interior road from the line of St. Ann's to the line of St. James."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of John Baptiste Brouet, mechanic, formerly of Cape-François, in St. Domingo, but established in Jamaica for nearly seven years past, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, John Baptiste Brouet's petition.

"That a considerable proprietor in St. Domingo invented, and gave to the petitioner, a machine to cure and beat out coffee:

"That the impossibility of curing, on barbecues, large crops in rainy seasons, and the success of stoves in curing clayed sugars having convinced the inventor, that a benefit would arise from substituting the heat of fire to that of the sun, in the curing of coffee, he applied himself to the method of effecting it, and has brought the machine to such a degree of perfection, that 6000*lbs.* of coffee, previously pulped and washed, may, by means thereof, be cured in 24 hours; while, at the same time, it will grind and winnow in ten hours, from fifteen to eighteen thousand weight; and, as no where a crop can be got in, in less than one hundred days, this machine will, in the same space of time, cure, grind, and winnow, six hundred thousand weight; for a settlement that would yield that quantity of produce, the expence of the building, including the stove, the curing and the grinding cylinders, together with the mule or water machine which is to turn the cylinders, will amount to 1500*l.* currency: This machine will cure the same quantity of coffee, as 100,000 feet square of barbecues, which size is requisite to cure a crop (the coffee being previously pulped and washed) producing 600,000*lbs.* and where, consequently, 10,000*lbs.* per day should be picked, in the heat of crop; and as in many

many places, where the situation is unfavourable, and lime scarce, the expence of a square foot of barbecue amounts to more than half a dollar. it will therefore be a saving of nearly 50,000 dollars; and even 25,000 on those places where materials may be cheap and handy, and the spot level and easy:

“ That this machine will likewise save the labour of more than 25 negroes, continually employed in moving the coffee on the barbecues, where such a crop is made; whereas, all the service that this machine requires, consists only in the attendance of two negroes for the water, and three for the one worked by a mule; the strength of a mule is more than sufficient to turn this machine, whenever water is wanting; for a plantation making only 300,000*lbs.* of coffee, during the 100 days, as above specified, the expence of the machine will amount to about 900*l.* currency, as one cylinder and one story is sufficient to cure 300*lbs.* of coffee in 24 hours, and grind and winnow 15 to 18,000*lbs.* in ten hours: A plantation whose produce may amount to 50,000*lbs.* requires about 12,500 square feet of barbecue, or 5 barbecues of 50 feet square; these would, by the estimate above-mentioned, amount to 3200 dollars on some plantations, and 6000 on others:

“ That this machine is consequently cheaper than barbecues, even upon small plantations, where materials are plenty; and, independent of that advantage, saves the labour of several negroes:

“ That the quality of coffee thus cured is superior, for its green colour, its lustre, and its perfect ficcity, to that cured in the sun; to all these advantages, may be added one of very great importance, which is, that however unfavourable the seasons may prove, the crop may be depended on, which on the barbecue is often injured, and sometimes partly lost, by the rains:

“ And praying that the house will grant to the petitioner an exclusive right, for a certain term, in respect to the particulars stated in his petition.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shirley, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Minot, Mr. Quier, and Mr. Dawson; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

John Lodge's petition.

A petition of John Lodge, of the parish of Kingston, cabinet-maker, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner hath, after many experiments, and much study and pains, completed the plan of a mill for grinding of sugar-canes; a model of which, executed in the proportion of an inch to a foot, will be submitted to the house for inspection:

“ That the petitioner can clearly demonstrate, to the conviction of the house, that a mill constructed on his plan, will do as much in one hour, as those now in use will in four hours:

“ That its machinery is so simple, that a carpenter and four workmen, will alter a mill to his plan in less than one month:

“ That the petitioner conceives, that the following, among many other important advantages, must necessarily follow, from mills constructed on his plan; namely, that crops which, in the usual way, cannot be taken off until the months of May or June, and consequently must be sent to Europe in the hurricane months, at a great risk, and double insurance, would be ready for shipping early in the spring:

“ That negroes need not, as usual, be worked so hard, nor be obliged to sit up at nights, to the great danger of their healths, and consequently loss of interest to their proprietors.

tors: That estates situated in the interior parts of the island, would be able to take off their crops previous to the setting in of the heavy rains, by which they would save the lives of a great number of stock, that are annually lost, owing to being obliged to draw the sugars to market through heavy roads, whereby many proprietors lose at least 10 per cent. on the value of their crops, and others much more."

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shirley, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Grant, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. Reid; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island, and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses: Rum bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Jaques took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Jaques, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed,  
*"An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses."*

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to inform the house, of the day of the arrival of the first battalion of the 60th regiment; and also, that your honour will be pleased to send to the house, a return of the number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, belonging to the said battalion, on its arrival at Port-Royal; and a return of the number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, belonging to the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, according to the return laid before the commander in chief, previous to the arrival of the 1st battalion." Message to his honour for returns of 60th regiment.

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

Ordered,

That the treasurer of Wolmer's Free School do lay before the house, a state of the demands of the corporation of the said free-school against the public. State of Wolmer's demands on public

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ordered.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.  
KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Veneris, 6<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

ORDERED,

That the two following messages be sent to the council :

*First message.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council,  
desiring attendance  
of Mr. Quarrell.

" We are ordered by the house to request, that you will be pleased to permit the honourable William Darves Quarrell, a member of your board, to attend, and be examined as a witness, before a committee of the house, appointed to take into consideration sundry papers and documents relative to the maroons settled in Nova-Scotia, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor."

*Second message.*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Council's journals.

" We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have appointed Mr. Shirley and Mr. Grant, or either of them, a committee to inspect the journals of your board."

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Henry and Mr. Edwardes be a committee to carry the above two messages, and also the engrossed bills of Tuesday and Wednesday last, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the bills; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Rum duty bill  
passed.

The engrossed bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses, was read the third time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Jaques, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Ross, Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Minot, and Mr. Telfer, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Amended Kingston  
police bill, read se-  
cond time.

The bill to amend an act entitled, " An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town; and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for preventing the stealing of coffee, and other produce; which was received, and read the first time: Stolen produce bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Mowat, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for varying and adding to a certain act, made in the year of our Lord 1795, entitled, "An act to constitute certain persons therein described, a corporation or body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James; and for other purposes," in certain particulars; which was received, and read the first time: Amended close-harbour bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

A member, in his place, presented to the house, a state of the demands of the corporation of Wolmer's Free-School against the public: State of Wolmer's demands on public presented.

And the same being read, is as follows:

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WOLMER'S FREE-SCHOOL, *Dr.*

For the receiver-general's bond to the trustees of said school, for payment of the interest on which, at 6 per cent. is annually provided for in one of the money-bills	£. 2,000
For the receiver-general's bond to the trustees of said school, the interest accruing on which, at 6 per cent. is likewise annually provided for in one of the money-bills	2,864
Principal of 10 per cent. certificates granted by the public	11,000
	15,864

JAMES STEWART, *treasurer.*

*Ordered,*

That the above statement or account be referred to the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts; and that they do report, forthwith, their opinion of an adequate equivalent to be paid to the trustees of Wolmer's Free-School, for the benefit thereof, by way of a perpetual annuity.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, to whom the petition of sundry inhabitants of the parish of Trelawny, was referred, reported, Falmouth wharf petition reported.

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for relieving the petitioners from the inconveniences complained of, by discharging the land mentioned in the said petition, as being fit for the erection of wharves, from the restriction in the said petition referred to, upon proper compensation being made:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

## Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Francklyn, and Mr. Mowat, be a committee for that purpose.

Report from committee of accounts.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had examined sundry accounts referred to them, and are of opinion, that the following persons should be paid the sums set opposite to their respective names:

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
George Murrav, for compensation of a negro named Manuel, a cartman, who died when on service against the negro rebels, Cuffee and his associates	160	0	0
George Ruggles, for two fat cattle supplied the militia, on service against the rebel negroes	28	0	0
William Dance, deputy-marshal, for the maintenance of sundry prisoners confined in Kingston gaol	41	2	6
Adam Wills, for medicines and attendance on the Trelawny black shot, when on duty at Windfor	32	11	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Fenton, for provisions supplied the troops at Oxford estate, and for the hire of a negro for one day	52	15	0
Elizabeth Stonev, for rations supplied a company of the Trelawny militia, sent to Stonehenge estate	36	10	0
Thomas Johnston, for the carriage of sundry provisions and other articles for the 83d regiment, at Cox-heath and Gray's Inn posts, and for 170/lb. coffee, supplied them	44	6	6
Taylor and Bacon, for sundry articles furnished a party of the Trelawny light dragoons, on duty at the Black-Grounds	17	12	6
William Jackson, for the hire of a waggon and wain, with cattle and slaves, in removing the baggage of part of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from Old-Harbour to Spanish-Town	16	0	0
Gayner and Manderfon, for 75 cords of fire-wood, supplied the 83d regiment, quartered at Montego-Bay	75	0	0
Simon Adolphus, for keeping in repair the island coach, for one year	30	0	0
Blackley, Boyle, and company, on account of John Ingram, for 6 boxes of salt-fish, supplied the black shot, brown infantry, and baggage negroes, when on duty	13	1	3
Charles Nicholas Pallmer, solicitor for the crown, for fees to counsel, and law business done in the present year	637	17	11
Corporation of Trelawny workhouse, for sundry services performed for a detachment of the 83d regiment at Falmouth, and for supplying the same with wood and water	388	7	6
Samuel Bell, for attendance on prisoners confined in gaol, and furnishing them with sundry medicines	81	8	4
John Henderson, for boat-hire, wharfage, and wainage, of sundries, for the troops and island store-keeper.	72	17	3
Estate of Samuel Graham, for supplying the commissioners of Trelawny with 6 muskets and 6 trooping carbines	29	0	0
William Hamilton Bullock, for making sundry clothing, and finding materials for the use of the black shot and militia, by order of the commissioners of Trelawny	252	3	9

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Brailsford and Pincombe, for supplying Fort-Augusta, Fort-Charles, and the Twelve-Apostles-Battery, with water and boats	278	2	6
William Fenwick, for his care of the clock in the assembly-room	25	0	0
James Lee, physician of the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega	100	0	0
Roger Dobson, for the hire of carts, cattle, and negroes, by order of the commissioners for Trelawny, for the public service	55	11	10
Matthew Atkinson, island secretary, for examining, attesting, and recording, laws in his office, and for sundry expences paid for the public	1141	10	0
President, guardians, and governors, of St. Ann's workhouse, for labour performed, and for carrying wood and water, for the use of a detachment of the 83d regiment	93	5	10
John Maxwell, for pay as captain of the Twelve-Apostles-Battery, and for boat and negro hire	152	11	8
Benjamin Tenison, for supplying a detachment of the 83d regiment, at Lucea barracks, with water	277	0	0
Blackley, Boyie, and company, on account of Alexander Gallant, for making sundry clothing for the black shot and light infantry	81	8	4
Blackley, Boyle, and company, on account of John Broomley, for furnishing sundry medicines for the brown infantry company	8	2	6
Doctor James Walker, for his salary, and for medicines supplied the county-gaol of Surrey	211	8	3
Eclinda Veitch, for the maintenance and clothing of pioneers at Fort-George, and for expences incurred by John Veitch, deceased, late captain of said fort	118	13	4
Henry Waite Plummer, for negro-hire, cart-hire, and fundries supplied by order of the commissioners, for the public service	115	0	0
John Edwards, for supplying the 13th regiment of light dragoons, stationed at Savanna-la-Mar, with fire-wood, and for cartage of provisions and baggage of said regiment	85	10	0
John Edwards, for fire-wood supplied the York hussars, stationed at Savanna-la-Mar	190	18	9
William Cathcart, for furnishing refreshment for two days, to a party of the 83d regiment, on their march to Kingston	19	5	5
James Ditmore Pincock, for pay and lodging-money as captain of Fort-Lindsay	171	13	4
George Robert Johnson, for supplying a detachment of the 83d regiment, quartered at Fort-Charlotte, with fire-wood	170	12	6
George Robert Johnson, for ditto, with ditto	276	2	6
Edward Martin Whitehead, deputy-marshal, for the maintenance of sundry prisoners confined in the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega	73	10	7
John Stone, deputy-marshal, for the maintenance of sundry prisoners confined in Kingston gaol	58	10	0
Gayner and Manderfon, for 118 cords of fire-wood, supplied the 83d regiment, quartered at Montego-Bay	118	0	0
John Hewan, for medicines and attendance on the St. James's black shot	39	0	10
William Welby Vaughan, deputy-marshal, for the maintenance of sundry prisoners confined in the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega	132	2	6
Augustus Gould, brigade-major, for island pay and lodging-money	102	0	0
John			

	£.	s.	d.
John Michael Dwyer, for translating fundry Spanish dispatches	35	10	
Lieutenant-colonel M <sup>c</sup> Murdo, deputy quarter-master-general, for island pay and lodging-money	102	0	0
Augustus Gould, barrack-master-general, for island pay, 365 days, at 10s.	182	10	0
Doctor Charles Lind, surgeon to his majesty's forces, for island pay and lodging-money	102	0	0
Officers of the 83d regiment, for lodging-money, the sums set opposite their respective names, of 345 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> and contingent account from 2d August, 1798, to 1st August, 1799, 134 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	479	12	9
Martha Thomas, for the hire of fundry pioneers, for his majesty's troops	156	13	4
George Thompson, for the hire of fundry negroes, to act as pioneers to the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment	57	3	4
John Donnan, for the hire of two negroes at Fort-George, in wooding and watering a detachment of the royal artillery, stationed there	51	0	0
Major Butter, deputy adjutant-general, for the hire of two pioneers, from the 25th December, 1798, to 14th May, 1799, and clothing them	31	13	4
Donald Campbell, captain of Fort-Montego, for two years pay, to 1st December, 1799	243	6	8
John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, 365 days pay, to 30th November, 1799	121	13	4
James Fannin, for publishing in the Cornwall Chronicle fundry resolutions, by order of the house	108	12	6
George Watson, on account of William Jolly, for fundry repairs done at St. James's barracks	138	15	6
Officers of the 20th regiment light dragoons, for lodging-money, the sums set opposite their respective names	765	12	4
Hugh Clough, for freight, wharfage, boat, and dray hire, of medicine-chests and bedding of his majesty's forces, at the different out-posts	34	1	7
Major Butter, deputy adjutant-general, for island pay and lodging-money, from 20th December, 1798, to 10th May, 1799	38	5	0
Major-general Churchill, for island pay and lodging-money, from 1st May to 1st December, 1799	88	13	4
Contingent account of 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from 23th November, 1798, to 24th November, 1799	125	0	40
Agnes Scott, for the hire of a negro to act as pioneer to the 67th regiment, at Up-Park Camp	2	6	8
Officers of the 63d regiment, for lodging-money, the sums set opposite their respective names	178	17	3
Officers of the York hussars, for lodging-money, the sums set opposite their respective names	253	10	6

That the committee had considered the account of Thomas Morley, and two accounts of James Stewart, deputy-marshal; but, finding some difficulty in respect to them, recommend that they be taken under consideration by the house.

S. B. Harrison's petition.

A petition of Sarah Baldwin Harrison, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, by her attorney, duly constituted, in this island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That,

"That, in the year 1776, the petitioner's late husband, Thomas Harrison, esquire, and other persons, entered into a subscription, for purchasing a piece of foot-land in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, and building a theatre thereon, at their own expence, for the use and accommodation of the said town; the cost of which amounted to 247*l.* 16*s.* 1*½d.* :

"That the said theatre has been, since the year 1792, occupied by corps of the army :

"That the petitioner's husband departed this life, early in the last-mentioned year, leaving the petitioner, and several children, with a very slender provision, and, by his last will and testament, appointed the petitioner his residuary devisee and sole executrix :

"That the petitioner, nor any person on her behalf, hath ever received any recompense for the use and occupation of the said theatre by such corps, nor any compensation for her right and interest therein :

"That, on or about the 28th of November, 1797, a petition of John Stone, of the parish of Kingston, gentleman, was presented to the house, stating, among other things, 'that the said John Stone was one of the surviving proprietors of the said theatre, herein before-mentioned, and praying relief:'

"That the house thereupon granted to the said John Stone, the sum of 25*l.* in full compensation for the occupancy of the said theatre, by the said troops."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Edward Coldwell, assistant surgeon to the 20th, or Jamaica, regiment of light dragoons, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Edward Coldwell's petition.

"That the petitioner's pay, of 7*s.* 6*d.* sterling *per diem*; in consequence of the late extravagant advance on all the necessaries of life, has become inadequate to his maintenance; and the house having, for several years last past, granted 100*l.* *per annum*, to the surgeon of the said regiment, the petitioner prays that the same indulgence (his duty being the same exactly,) may be extended to him, or that the house will grant him an allowance, in proportion to the rate that 7*s.* 6*d.* bears to 12*s.* 6*d.* these sums being the daily pay of surgeons, and assistant surgeons, in the cavalry "

Ordered,

That the above report, and two petitions, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A petition of William Bullock, of the parish of St. Catherine, esquire, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, William Bullock's petition.

"That the petitioner has imported from Great-Britain, by order of the commissioners of correspondence, a quantity of stationary, an account of which is annexed :

"That the petitioner has also paid the sum of 17*l.* 8*s.* 1*½d.* for postage of letters from the agent."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Stevenson and Aikman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Stevenson and Aikman's petition.

"That the charges set forth in an account annexed, are just and true, and remain unpaid."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Lunan and Lewis, of the parish of St. Catherine, printers, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Lunan and Lewis's petition.

"That

"That the petitioners, since the 30th November, 1798, in pursuance of the orders of the house, and by direction of agents, duly authorized, have done and performed sundry printing business, and have also furnished sundry stationery for the use of the commissioners of correspondence and board of works, as stated in an account annexed, amounting to the sum of 256*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*"

And praying for relief.

Mr. Francklyn's accounts.

Mr. Francklyn, in his place, presented to the house, three accounts due to him by the public, for the hire of negroes, carts, and cattle, in the public service:

And the said accounts being read;

*Ordered,*

That the above three petitions, and the accounts thereto annexed, and also the above three accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations in the said petitions set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, and also on the said accounts, to the house.

Petition from Cedar-Valley Mountains.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the parishes of St. Catherine and St. Thomas in the Vale, owning properties in the district of Cedar-Valley Mountains, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioners, encouraged by the late increased value and price of coffee, have formed extensive fields or walks of that article on their lands, situate in the said district:

"That, in the formation of such fields or walks, the petitioners have advanced their money and credit to a very considerable amount, in the purchase of negroes, and requisite articles for the cultivation and manufacture:

"That the public road, which leads to and through the petitioners said settlements, is in very bad repair, whereby they experience much inconvenience, and are liable to many dangers and losses, as well to their persons as to their stock, in passing over the same:

"That the said road affords a communication between the towns and the north side parishes, at times when the Rio-Cobre is overflowed, as was experienced by many persons during the late heavy rains:

"That the parochial allotments, under the highway law, are inadequate to the repair of the said road:

"That the petitioners said settlements being in an infant state, they are unable to contribute in aid of such deficient allotments."

And praying for relief.

Petition from Westmorland.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road leading from the junction of the barrack road, through Darlison and Lenox estates, in the said parish, to the parish of St. Elizabeth, is out of repair, and totally unfit to carry the produce of the different properties there situated, to the barquacier:

"That, from not knowing, until February last, what grant was allowed for said road the last session, and from the incessant rains and heavy weather ever since, and not being able to procure jobbers, the said grant has not been yet wrought out:

"That unless the said road is worked, from November to March, the public money would be misapplied, as the heavy rains that then fall in that part of the country, and at other periods of the year, by washing away the new made part of the said road, before it has acquired a proper solidity, render the labour ineffectual:

"That

"That the said road is the great road of communication, leading from the said parish of St. Elizabeth to Westmerland, Hanover, and St. James, through the interior and mountainous parts of the said parishes, and is of the utmost consequence and advantage to the public in general."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of the reverend John Campbell, clerk, rector of the parish of St. Andrew, and of John Townshend Harris, clerk of the peace of the said parish, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition of rector,  
and clerk of peace,  
of St. Andrew.

"That, by an act of this island, entitled, 'An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act for making Kingston a parish;' and for ascertaining and fixing the boundaries of the said parish of Kingston; and for granting compensation to the said parish of St. Andrew,' certain lands and houses, heretofore in the parish of St. Andrew, have been annexed to, and made a part of, the parish of Kingston:

"That, in consequence of the said act, the rights and interests of the petitioners, as to the fees, perquisites, and emoluments, of their appointments in the parish of St. Andrew, have very considerably suffered, as will more fully appear by the statement hereunto annexed, and to which the petitioners crave leave to refer:

"That the commissioners, appointed by the said act to take into consideration the losses, damages, and injuries, thereby sustained by the parish of St. Andrew, and to ascertain the compensation to be made on account of such losses, damages, and injuries, did, in pursuance of the said act, meet at the court-house in the town of Kingston, on Monday the second day of December last past, and did then and there receive such information as the said respective parishes thought proper to offer; but, as the power and authority of the commissioners were considered as limited to the consideration only, of what affected the parochial revenue of St. Andrew, and not to extend to any damages or injuries suffered or sustained by the parochial officers, the commissioners did not take into consideration the injuries sustained by the petitioners, although the petitioners were fully prepared, by their counsel, to have shewn to them, that the rights and interests of the petitioners had very materially suffered, and been diminished, in consequence of the said act:

"That the petitioners are without redress, unless by means of the house."

And praying for relief.

*Statement referred to by the annexed petition.*

The fees of the rector, on funerals at a burying-place called Spring-Path, are £  
estimated at least to be worth, annually - - 140

(In regard to which, it is to be observed, that a custom had for many years prevailed, for the parish of Kingston to inter a part of those dying in the town, at Spring-Path; but that place having been, by two decisions in the supreme court of judicature, determined to be in the parish of St. Andrew, the rector of St. Andrew considered himself to be clearly entitled to exercise the clerical functions there, at the time of passing the act for extending the boundaries of the parish of Kingston, by which act Spring-Path is added to the parish of Kingston.)

The other fees, on funerals or christenings, receivable from the part heretofore in St. Andrew, but now added to Kingston, are inconsiderable, and are not supposed to amount, annually, to more than

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160

The fees of the clerk of the peace, on wine licenses, and on licenses for retailing spirituous liquors, and also for keeping billiard tables, in the part now added to the parish of Kingston, by the late act, are estimated to be worth, annually, at least

£.

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The fees receivable by him, on prosecutions for assaults and other misdemeanors, are calculated at, annually

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50

80

(It is to be observed, on behalf of the clerk of the peace, that the parish of Kingston, in their petition to the house, on which the act for extending Kingston was passed, stated, "that, from the particular description of the inhabitants in, and persons frequenting, the part of the town then in the parish of St. Andrew, the peace and quietness of that part of the town was very uncertain;" of course, the frequency of riots, and other breaches of the peace, in that part, would very considerably have increased the perquisites and emoluments of the clerk of the peace; which misdemeanors being, in consequence of the act, now cognisable by the magistracy of Kingston, such perquisites and emoluments are now received by the clerk of the peace of that parish.)

*Ordered,*

To lie on the table.

That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

400*l.* to commissioners of police in Kingston.

A motion being made, that the commissioners of police in Kingston, or any five of them, be authorized to draw on the receiver-general, for sums of money not exceeding, in the whole, the sum of 400*l.* towards defraying the expences of the trust vested in them by the commander in chief; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same;

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house.

*Resolved, nem. con.*

Time extended for receiving petitions.

That the time limited by a resolution of the house, for receiving business of a private nature, be extended till Tuesday next.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

(First message)

"MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, respecting board of police at Port-Royal.

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that the board of police was established at Port Royal, on the 1st September, 1798; that the expence annually, is as follows, without reckoning any contingencies:

To

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To two commissioners of police, at 15s. per diem	547	10	0
To one clerk of ditto, at 15s. ditto	273	15	0
To lodging-money for one commissioner, per annum	50	0	0
To ditto ditto for the clerk	50	0	0
To a person to board the vessels	60	0	0
<b>Total expence</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

"That the house, on the 9th of March, granted only 500l. to defray this expence: His honour therefore requests of the house, to make good the deficiency, and to make further provision for the continuance of this establishment."

Ordered,

That the above message be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

(Second message.)

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house several accounts; of which the following is a list."

Message from lieutenant-governor,

- No. 1. An account of colonel Fead's.  
 2. An account of G. and M. Atkinson and company.  
 3. An account of captain Dunker's, for lodging-money.  
 4. Contingent account of the 20th light dragoons.

with sundry accounts.

Ordered,

That the accounts, sent down in the above message, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; and that they report their opinion thereon, to the house.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, in answer to their message of this day, that they have granted permission to the honourable William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, a member of their board, to attend, and be examined as a witness, before a committee of the house, appointed to take into consideration sundry documents and papers, relative to the maroons settled in Nova-Scotia, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant governor, if he chooses it."

Message from council, that they give permission to Mr. Quarrell, to attend maroon committee.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Mactis.

Martis, 10<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

Stolen produce bill,  
read second time.

THE bill for preventing the stealing of coffee, and other produce, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Amended close-har-  
bour bill presented.

The bill for varying and adding to a certain act, made in the year of our Lord 1795, entitled, "An act to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James; and for other purposes," was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Falmouth water bill,  
read second time.

The bill to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trelawny, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Re-committed Bog-  
Walk turnpike bill  
presented.

Mr. L. Cuthbert, from the committee, to whom the bill for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike, was referred, to be re-considered, reported the same; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Voce's turnpike bill  
presented.

Mr. Henry, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for granting a toll on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann; and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Resolution for 400*l*.  
to board of police  
in Kingston, agreed  
to.

The resolution moved in the house on Friday last, that the commissioners of police in Kingston, or any five of them, be authorized to draw on the receiver-general, for sums of money not exceeding, in the whole, the sum of 400*l*. towards defraying the expences of the trust vested in them by the commander in chief; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Petition from St.  
Thomas in the Vale  
referred.

Mr. I. Cuthbert, from the committee, to whom the petition of the magistrates and vestry of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are

recd,

serve, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for manumizing the negro man, named Frazer, in the said petition mentioned, and for paying his value at the public expence:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Lyon, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

Mr. Lyon, from the committee, to whom the petition of Peter Matthew Dixon, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by James Wright, of the parish of Vere, esquire, his lawful attorney in this island, was referred, reported, Peter Matthew Dixon's petition reported:

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for effecting the purposes mentioned in the petition:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Lyon, Mr. Edwardes, and Mr. Isracil, be a committee for that purpose. Bill ordered.

Mr. L. Cuthbert, from the committee, to whom the petition of Hugh Frazer, late deputy-marshal, and keeper of the county-gaol for Surrey, was referred, reported, Hugh Frazer's petition reported.

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the said Hugh Frazer, the sum of 87*l.* 1*1s.* 1½*d.* being the amount of an account due to him, for monies advanced for the maintenance of prisoners confined in the said-gaol:

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A petition of Robert Jackson, esquire, captain of Fort-Charlotte, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Robert Jackson's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, for pay as captain of Fort-Charlotte, the sum of 12*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and for lodging-money, the sum of 28*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* as stated in an annexed account."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Seba Shelly, of the parish of St. Ann, attorney to Thomas Jenkins, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Seba Shelly's petition.

"That a detachment of the 83d regiment were stationed at the barracks on St. Ann's Bay, and not being provided with pioneers, application was made to the petitioner, for hire of four negroes to act in that capacity, which were according supplied."

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above two petitions, and the accounts thereto annexed, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from West-  
morland,

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the road leading from Parker’s Bay to Lenox plantation, to the junction of the great road of communication leading from the parish of St. Elizabeth to the parishes of Westmorland, Hanover, and St. James, is the road that leads from the sea-coast, and from church and market, to the interior and mountainous parts of the said parishes of Westmorland and St. Elizabeth, where there are a number of settlements, that require a road to convey their produce and stock to market :

“ That the grants hitherto made by the house, on the said Lenox road, have not been sufficient to make the same passable for either produce, stock, or passengers, with any safety ; and that a jury was lately called, who altered and turned the said road, for the greater convenience of the public ; by which means, a further expence is particularly required, to make and finish such alteration and turning :

“ That the sum granted by the house last session, for this road, hath been worked out :

“ That a new road hath lately been laid out, leading into the said great road of communication from St. Elizabeth to Westmorland, Hanover, and St. James, across to the said Lenox road, from several settlements in that district :

“ That the said new road will be conducive to the culture and settlement of several thousand acres of wood-land.”

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Additional duty bill  
committed ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising several sums of money ; and applying the same to several uses :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ker took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported ;

Mr. Ker, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, “ *An act for raising several sums of money ; and applying the same to several uses.*”

Land-Tax bill com-  
mitted ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax on land within this island, and applying the same to the public service :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported ;

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.

*"An act for raising a tax on land within this island, and applying the same to the public service."*

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations:

Tonnage duty bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Francklyn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Francklyn, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Reported.

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, *"An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, 'An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;' and to enable the receiver general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations :"*

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to regulate the highways; and to repeal an act entitled, "An act to repeal the several acts therein mentioned; and for consolidating into one act, all the acts relating to the highways;" and also to repeal all other acts relating to the highways:

Highway bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Quier took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Quier, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the house will be pleased to receive the same:

Report to be received this day six months.

Ordered,

That the report be received this day six months.

Ordered.

That two hundred copies of the said bill be printed by the printer to this house, for the use of the members. To be printed:

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for continuing the act, commonly called the highway law, for a certain time longer, and for other purposes:

Motion for bill to continue highway law:

Ordered,

*Ordered,*  
 Bill ordered. That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Quier, and Mr. Shaw, be a committee for that purpose.

*Ordered,*  
 Members added to road committee. That Mr. Bryan, Mr. Minot, and Mr. G. Cuthbert, be added to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands a distance from the sea.

*Ordered,*  
 Leave to a member to petition council. That Mr. Murphy have leave to petition the council, on the passage of the bill to amend an act entitled, "*An act to regulate wharfage and storage,*" so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, "I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house two accounts; of which the following is a list."

with two accounts. No. 1. Account of J. Donaldson, for pioneer hire for the 4th battalion 60th regiment.  
 2. Lodging-money account 67th regiment.

*Ordered,*  
 That the accounts sent down in the above message, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; and that they report their opinion thereon, to the house.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.  
 KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

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Mercurii, 11<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

Additional duty bill passed. THE engrossed bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Land-tax bill passed.

The engrossed bill for raising a tax on land within this island, and applying the same to the public service, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

The

The engrossed bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof; and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Ker, and Mr. Israell, be a committee to carry the above three engrossed bills to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road, leading from Bog Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanishtown; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for granting a toll on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes, was read a second time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Quier, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for continuing the act, commonly called the highway law, for a certain time longer; and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Lyon, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enable Peter Matthew Dixon to sell detached lands, limited to him for life, and to others in remainder, by the will of the late countess dowager of Home, investing the value in the purchase of slaves, to the like uses; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. L. Cuthbert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for making free and rewarding a negro man slave, named Fraser, the property of William Falconer and Malcolm M'Leod, esquires, and for paying the value of the said negro man slave; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

The house being informed that the naval officer attended at the door, he was called in, and at the bar presented to the house, according to order, a return of all imports into this island, from the 30th September, 1798, to the 30th September, 1799:

And then he withdrew:

Tonnage duty bill passed.

Bog-Walk turnpike bill, read second time.

Voce's turnpike bill, read second time.

Continued highway bill presented.

Dixon's trust bill presented.

Fraser's manumission bill presented.

Return of imports presented.

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And

And the said return being read, is as follows:

NOTE, For return see appendix, No. VI.

Ordered,

That the above return be referred to the committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23<sup>d</sup> November, 1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same, and to state to the house how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion, how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government.

Petition from St. Thomas in the East reported:

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, to whom the petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was referred, reported,

That they had taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition should be denied:

Resolved,

Prayer denied.

That the house do agree to the report.

Amended close-harbour bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for varying and adding to a certain act, made in the year of our Lord 1795, entitled, "An act to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James; and for other purposes:"

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Mowat took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Mowat, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act for amending a certain act, made in the year of our Lord 1795, entitled, 'An act to constitute certain persons therein described, a corporation or body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James; and for other purposes.'"

Amended Kingston police bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to amend an act entitled, "An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town; and for other purposes therein mentioned:"

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fitch took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered

livered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.  
*“ An act to amend an act entitled, ‘ An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston ; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town ; and for other purposes therein mentioned.’ ”*

A motion being made. that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Mr. William Bullock, clerk to the commissioners of correspondence, the sum of 300*l.* for his extraordinary trouble and attendance on the said commissioners, during the last and the present year : Vote for 300*l.* to William Bullock :

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house. Three days rule.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
 KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Tobis, 12<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

THE engrossed bill to amend an act entitled, “ *An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston ; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town ; and for other purposes therein mentioned,* ” was read the third time : Amended Kingston police bill, with a rider,

And a rider being proposed to the said bill, the same was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said rider be read a second time.

Then the said rider was read a second time :

*Ordered,*

That the said rider be read the third time.

Then the said rider being read the third time ;

*Resolved,*

That the said bill, and rider, do pass.

passed.

The bill for continuing the act, commonly called the highway law, for a certain time longer ; and for other purposes, was read a second time :

Continued highway bill read second time.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be engrossed.

The

Dixon's trust bill,  
read second time.

The bill to enable Peter Matthew Dixon to sell detached lands, limited to him for life, and to others in remainder, by the will of the late Countess Dowager of Home, investing the value in the purchase of slaves, to the like uses, was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Frazer's manumif-  
sion bill, read se-  
cond time.

The bill for making free and rewarding a negro man slave, named Frazer, the property of William Falconer and Malcolm M'Leod, esquires; and for paying the value of the said negro man slave, was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Bill in aid of militia  
law presented.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill in aid of the militia law; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Falmouth wharf  
bill presented.

Mr. Francklyn, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for discharging a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in or near the town of Falmouth, in this island, the proprietor and proprietors of the same, and the estate and representatives of Thomas Reid junior, formerly of the parish of Trelawny, esquire, now deceased, from a certain proviso or condition, contained in an indenture of conveyance of the said piece or parcel of land, from Edward Barrett, of the parish of St. James, esquire, lately deceased; and from a certain bond, executed by the said Thomas Reid, to the said Edward Barrett, with intent (*inter alia*) to prevent a breach of such condition, upon certain terms; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Wednesday next.

Petition of G. C.  
Ricketts and others.

A petition of George Crawford Ricketts, of the parish of St. Catherine, esquire, on behalf of himself, and of Henry Waite Plummer, Philip Anglin Scarlett, and James Scarlett, esquires, trustees and acting executors, named in, and appointed by, the last will and testament of Edward Barrett, late of the parish of Trelawny, esquire, deceased, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the said Edward Barrett, by his said will, bearing date the 13th day of November, 1798, did give, devise, and bequeath, unto the petitioner, and the said Philip Anglin Scarlett, Henry Waite Plummer, and James Scarlett, and Robert Scarlett, esquire (since deceased), and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs and assigns of such survivor, all that messuage, wharf, and barquadier, situate in the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trelawny, and the several negro and other slaves appertaining to the same, then and now in the occupancy and possession of messieurs Lamont and Summers; and also all that parcel and slip of land, situate in the said town of Falmouth, bounding on the sea, in depth one hundred feet from high-water mark, and in length running from the wharf belonging to the honourable John Tharp, esquire, as far as Half-Moon-Bay, to the westward, and every of the premises, buildings, and appurtenances, to the same belonging, and certain other premises therein described and mentioned: To hold the same unto the said trustees, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs and assigns of such survivor, in and upon trust, and to and for the several uses,

uses, intents, and purposes, therein after mentioned and expressed, of and concerning the same; that is to say, that the said trustees, out of the annual rents and profits of the said wharf and premises, should apply so much thereof as they should deem adequate for the education, clothing, and maintenance, of the said testator's grandson, Samuel Parrett Moulton, until he should attain the age of twenty-one years; and should also apply, during the minority of the said testator's grandson, the residue of the rents and profits of the said wharf and premises, for the extending and improving the same: And the said testator did thereby authorize and empower the said trustees, and the survivor of them, to improve his said property, at or near Falmouth, by erecting and building one or more wharf or wharves, houses, edifices, and stores, at and upon the same, or any part thereof, at their discretion; and, from and immediately after the said testator's grandson should attain the age of twenty-one years, then to the use of the said testator's grandson, Samuel Barrett Moulton, for life, with remainder to his first and other sons, in tail male, with divers remainders over; and the said testator did, by his said will, further authorize and empower his acting executors, to apply the monies which should arise from the sale of certain premises, therein mentioned, or so much thereof as they should deem expedient and necessary, for the erecting and building of all such wharves, houses, stores, or other edifices, upon the land at Falmouth, herein-before mentioned, as they should judge proper:

“ That the said Edward Barrett, in his life-time, laid out and expended, in erecting and building the said wharf, and the stores and houses thereon, the sum of 20,000*l.* or thereabouts:

“ That the said wharf, houses, and stores, have been hitherto found, and are still perfectly sufficient, as the petitioner believes, for the safe, speedy, and advantageous, shipping and landing of all produce, goods, and merchandise, which have been, and now are, landed at and from the town and harbour of Falmouth:

“ That, in case the said wharf, houses, and stores, should be found to be insufficient for the purposes aforesaid, and public convenience shall require it, the petitioner, and the other trustees and acting executors, under the will of the said Edward Barrett, are ready and willing to exercise the powers vested in them by the said will, by erecting and building one or more wharf or wharves, houses and stores, on the said land, so devised to them upon trust, for that purpose:

“ That the land, so devised to the petitioner and the other trustees, by the will of the said Edward Barrett, deceased, is, as the petitioner hath been informed and believes, amply sufficient for the purpose of erecting and building one or more wharf or wharves, with houses and stores, thereon:

“ That the situation of the present wharf, and of the land so devised by the said Edward Barrett, deceased, upon trust as aforesaid, is a very eligible one, and perfectly well adapted for an easy, safe, and expeditious communication, between the vessels in the harbour and the shore, for the purpose of shipping and landing of all produce, goods, and merchandise, shipped and landed at and from the town and harbour of Falmouth:

“ That the petitioner hath heard, that a bill has been brought into the house, for discharging a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in or near the town of Falmouth, in this island, the proprietor and proprietors of the same, and the estate and representatives of Thomas Reid junior, formerly of the parish of Trelawny, esquire, now deceased, from a certain proviso or condition contained in an indenture of conveyance of the said piece or parcel of land, from Edward Barrett, of the parish of St. James, esquire, lately deceased; and from a certain bond, ex-

executed by the said Thomas Reid, to the said Edward Barrett, with intent (*inter alia*), to prevent a breach of such condition, upon certain terms :

“ That the said Samuel Barrett Moulton is still an infant :

“ That, if the said bill is passed into a law, it will be extremely injurious to the said infant, and those claiming the said land, under the will of the said Edward Barrett :

“ And praying that he may have a copy of the said bill, and be permitted to give evidence, and be heard by counsel, against the said bill, at the bar of the house.”

Petition of Lamont  
and Summers.

A petition of Lamont and Summers, of the parish of Trelawny, wharfingers, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners are lessees, from the trustees of the late Edward Barrett, esquire, deceased, of a wharf at Falmouth, in the said parish of Trelawny, under lease for five years from January last, at the annual rent of 1100*l*. :

“ That the petitioners have stores upon the said wharf, capable of containing one thousand casks, exclusive of those for dry goods and provisions :

“ That the petitioners have constantly employed, on their said wharf, two clerks, and thirty-nine able negro men :

“ That the petitioners are about to erect another shed thereon, which will contain from two hundred and fifty to three hundred hogheads :

“ That the petitioners have heard, that a bill has been brought into the house, entitled, An act for discharging a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in or near the town of Falmouth, in this island, the proprietor or proprietors of the same, and the estate and representatives of Thomas Reid junior, formerly of the parish of Trelawny, now deceased, from a certain proviso or condition, in an indenture of conveyance of the said piece or parcel of land, from Edward Barrett, of the parish of St. James. esquire, lately deceased, to the said Thomas Reid; and from a certain bond, executed by the said Thomas Reid, to the said Edward Barrett, with intent (*inter alia*), to prevent a breach of such condition, upon certain terms :

“ That the said bill, if passed by the house, will be very injurious to the petitioners :

“ And praying that the house will grant them a copy of the said bill, and that they may be heard by their counsel, at the bar of the house, against the passing of the same.”

*Resolved,*

Prayer of above two  
petitions granted.

That the petitioners in the above two petitions, be heard by counsel, at the bar of the house, against the said bill, agreeably to the prayer of their petitions, on the second reading thereof.

*Ordered,*

That the several petitioners have copies of the said bill, upon paying the clerk for the same.

*Resolved,*

Counsel to be heard  
for the bill.

That this house will hear counsel, at the bar of the house, in support of the said bill, on the second reading thereof.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report of resolutions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported eleven resolutions, which he read in his

his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 350*l.* to Donald M'Pherson, as a reward for the invention stated in his petition to the house, in 1797.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to James Anderson, superintendant of the maroons at Charles-Town, for lodging-money for the present year.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 300*l.* to Lachlan M'Laine, late commander of a party of black shot, fitted out from the parish of St. James, in full for his services in the late rebellion of the slaves in the parish of Trelawny, and during the maroon rebellion, and for damages sustained in his professional time.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money bills, for paying the sum of 500*l.* with the interest due on a certain public certificate, to Aaron Nunes Henriques, on his giving sufficient security to the commissioners of public accounts, to indemnify the public against all losses or demands, in respect to the certificate, No. 99, bearing date the 28th March, 1796, stated in the petition of the said Aaron Nunes Henriques, to the house this session, to have been lost.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the respective superintendants of Charles-Town, Scott's Hall, and Moore-Town, the sum of 50*l.* in addition to their usual annual salary.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Thomas March, superintendant of the maroons at Scott's Hall Town, in full for lodging-money for the present year.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to Isaac Morales, in full for his trouble as interpreter of the Spanish and French languages, in the Kingston courts, for several years past.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 20*l.* to Mary Watkins, agreeably to the prayer of her petition to the house this session.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Henry Burgefs, agreeably to the prayer of his petition to the house this session.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 150*l.* to Ballard Beckford Nemhard, clerk of the peace of the parish of Kingston, for his extra trouble in certificating a number of French slaves in the said town, and for his trouble in making a particular return to the house, of the slaves so certificated.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to surgeon John Robinson, of the 20th light dragoons, as an allowance for extra medicines, as by his petition to the house this session.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The

Bog-Walk turnpike  
bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road, leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ross took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Ross, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,  
“*An act for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road, leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike.*”

Voce's turnpike bill,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for granting a toll on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Henry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

to be re-committed.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported, that they had directed him to move the house to re-commit the said bill, to the same committee, who brought it in, for re-consideration:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report.

Vote for 100*l.* to na-  
val officer:

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to David Innes, esquire, naval officer, the sum of 100*l.* to be by him paid to the clerks in his office, for their trouble in preparing the several returns, directed by the house to be sent from the said office:

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Vote for 100*l.* to  
collector in King-  
ston.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the order of the collector of his majesty's customs, in Kingston, the sum of 100*l.* to be by him paid to the clerks in his office, for their trouble in preparing the several returns, directed by the house to be sent from the said office:

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

That

That the receiver general do pay the fees on the bill for making free and rewarding a negro man slave, named Frazer, belonging to William Falconer and Malcolm Macleod, esquires; and for paying the value of the said negro man slave, the same being a private bill:

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house. Three days rule.

*Ordered,*

That Robert Moulton, of the parish of St. James, and William Plummer senior, of the parish of Trelawny, do attend at the bar of this house, on Wednesday next, to be examined on the second reading of the bill for discharging a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in or near the town of Falmouth, in this island, the proprietor and proprietors of the same, and the estate and representatives of Thomas Reid junior, formerly of the parish of Trelawny, esquire, now deceased, from a certain proviso or condition, contained in an indenture of conveyance of the said piece or parcel of land, from Edward Barrett, of the parish of St. James, esquire, lately deceased; and from a certain bond, executed by the said Thomas Reid, to the said Edward Barrett, with intent (*inter alia*), to prevent a breach of such condition, upon certain terms.

Witnesses to attend on Falmouth wharf bill.

*Resolved,*

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant governor, requesting that he will be pleased to lay before the house, a return of Walslein's regiment, on its arrival in this island.

Resolution for return of Walslein's regiment.

*Resolved,*

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, requesting that his honour will be pleased to give directions for postponing the sailing of the packet, until Monday the 23d instant.

Resolution to postpone sailing of packet.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw have leave to petition the council, on the passage of the bill to amend an act entitled, "*An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town; and for other purposes therein mentioned*"

Leave to a member to petition council.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house, the estimate of the expence of keeping clean, and in repair, the arms belonging to the island, for the year 1800.

Message from lieutenant-governor,

\* Estimate of the expence of keeping clean, and in repair, the arms belonging to the island, for the year 1800.

with estimate for keeping arms in repair.

1 non-commissioned officer of the royal artillery, as conductor of stores, £.  
at 20s. per week 52

3 armourer, at ditto 52

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16 labourers,

Jouis, 12<sup>e</sup> Decembris.

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6 labourers, at 3s. 4d. per day, and 3s. 4d. allowance	l. 364
Crocus, for rubbers	5
	473
1 non-commissioned officer of the royal artillery, as conductor of stores at Fort-Augusta, at 20s. per week	52
1 labourer of the royal artillery, at ditto	52
	577

‘ The additional number of stores at Fort-Augusta, requires a labourer to assist the conductor in the delivery, which has induced the store-keeper to add that expence in the above estimate.

‘ Spanish-Town, 12th December, 1799.

‘ ADAM DOLMAGE, island store-keeper.’

*Ordered,*

That the above message, and estimate, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Weneris, 13<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

Messages to his honour,

Prayers. **ORDERED,**

That the two following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

*First message.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

for a return of Wal-  
flein's regiment :

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to lay before the house, a return of Walflein's regiment, on its arrival in this island.”

*Second message.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

and for postponing  
sailing of packet.

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions, for postponing the sailing of the packet, until Monday the 23d instant.”

The engrossed bill for amending a certain act, made in the year of our Lord one thousand

1799.

Veneris, 13<sup>o</sup> Decembris.

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and seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled, "*An act to constitute certain persons therein described, a corporation or body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James; and for other purposes;*" was read the third time:

Amended close-harbour bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill *for continuing an act, commonly called the highway law, for a certain time longer; and for other purposes,* was read the third time:

Continued highway bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill *for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road, leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike,* was read the third time:

Bog-Walk turnpike bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw and Mr. Stewart (of Port Royal) be a committee, to wait on his honour with the above two messages; and to carry the above three engrossed bills, and also the engrossed bill of yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof; and that his honour, in answer to the messages, was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

The bill in aid of the militia act, was read a second time:

Bill in aid of militia act, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, this day.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report from committee of accounts.

That they had examined sundry accounts which had been referred to them, and are of opinion, that the following persons should be paid the sums set opposite to their respective names:

Peter Francklyn, for the hire of negroes to act as pioneers to the black shot, and for cart-hire, from Weston-Favell estate	-	34	7	1
George and Matthew Atkinson and company, for monies paid by them, for the conveyance of troops and baggage to Fort-Haldane, and for the landing of troops at Old-Harbour-Bay	-	120	10	0
Contingent account of 20th regiment of light dragoons, from 1st November, 1798, to 31st October, 1799	-	828	16	6
Captain Dunker, lieutenant Haaren, and assistant surgeon Kublan, for lodging-money, from 7th November, 1798, to 13th June, 1799, at 20l. each per annum	-	36	0	0
Stevenson and Aikman, for advertising, in the Diary, sundry resolutions, agreeably to order	-	256	2	1
John Donaldson, for the hire of sundry negroes, to act as pioneers to the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from 25th January to 14th March, 1799	-	66	6	8
John Thomas William Bennett, for advertising sundry notices and proclamations				

proclamations in the Daily Advertiser, by order of the commander in chief	£. s. d.
- - - - -	216 3 9
Lunan and Lewis, for sundry printing business performed, and furnishing sundry stationery, for the use of the committee of correspondence and board of works	256 17 6
Alexander Aikman, for printing the votes of the house, in the three last sessions; and for furnishing to the members of the house, to the council, and to the judges of the supreme and assize courts, copies of the authorized edition of the island laws	5171 10 3
William Bullock, for sundry stationery imported from Great-Britain, by order of the commissioners of correspondence, and for postage of letters from the agent	48 6 3
Thomas Anderson, surgeon of the York hussars, for lodging-money to 14th November, 1799	6 13 4
Contingent account of the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, from 8th May to 30th November, 1799, for 59l. 18s.; from which the sum of 15l. 3s. charged for advertising for pioneers, is deducted	44 15 0
Benjamin Tenison, for supplying a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at Lucea, with water	36 0 0
Contingent account of the 66th regiment, from 25th October, 1798, to 31st March, 1799	79 0 0
George Woodbine, for the hire of sundry negroes, to act as pioneers to the York hussars	101 13 4
John Donaldson, for the hire of mules and a cart, for the use of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from the 10th November, 1798, to 10th November, 1799	455 0 0
Walter Johnson, military secretary, for island pay and lodging-money, to 30th November, 1799	102 0 0

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Adjournment.

Then the house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Bill in aid of militia  
act committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill in aid of the militia act:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dawson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Dawson, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act in aid of the militia act.*"

Motion in regard to  
island arms:

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill, for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public:

*Ordered,*

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Minot, and Mr. Edwardes, be a committee for that Bill ordered purpose.

Three messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

*First message.*

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, the two returns requested by the house in their message of the 5th instant, and also the return asked for by their message of this day." Message from his honour, with sundry returns.

NOTE, For the returns referred to in the above message, see appendix, No. VII.

*Second message.*

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, the memorial of Francois de Lauzon. Message from his honour,

" To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant-governor, with memorial of Francois de Lauzon.  
Esq. &c.

" The memorial of FRANCOIS DE LAUZON,

" Humbly sheweth,

" That the sum of 1026*l*. remains due, for the expences-incurred by the board of police at Kingston, from the 1st day of February to the last day of April past :

" Your memorialist therefore humbly prays, that your lordship will be pleased to give the needful orders, for payment thereof :

" And your memorialist will ever pray.

" FRANCOIS DE LAUZON."

*Third message.*

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that his honour is desirous of giving relief to the town of Kingston, by removing, for the present, to Fort-Augusta, the French prisoners of war, who are admitted to their parole : Message from his honour, respecting prisoners on parole in Kingston.

" That a very considerable addition of expence will accrue, in furnishing food to this class of men : That, on a communication on the subject with the admiral and the commissary of prisoners of war, his honour finds this additional expence will be sanctioned by the admiral ; but a difficulty still remains, namely, the supplying with water those prisoners, whose numbers amount only to sixty :

" His honour therefore submits to the consideration of the house, the admissibility of the expence falling on the island ; with a view to facilitate so desirable an object, as the removal of those prisoners from Kingston."

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That the above three messages, and the papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Message to attend his honour.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the immediate attendance of the whole house in the council-chamber:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council-chamber, when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the twenty-one following bills:

His honour's assent to bills.

"An act for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses."

"An act for raising a tax on land within this island, and applying the same to the public service."

"An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses."

"An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service."

"An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, 'An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;' and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations."

"An act to appoint certain commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver-general; and to settle and adjust the public accounts."

"An act to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time."

"An act for continuing an act, passed in the year 1798, entitled, 'An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war,' for a certain time longer."

"An act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, 'An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;' and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms."

"An act for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications."

"An act to appoint certain commissioners, for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island."

"An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisal against the enemy; and for other purposes."

"An act to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county."

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"An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act for amending and perpetuating an act entitled, "An act for the more effectual preventing of gaming, and suppression of lotteries," passed in the year of our Lord 1747."

"An act for repealing so much of an act of this island, passed in the year 1711, entitled, 'An act for regulating fees,' as establishes the fees of the collector, naval officer, secretary, and receiver-general, for entering and clearing all vessels trading to and from this island; and for regulating the fees of the several officers concerned in entering and clearing all such vessels; and for making certain provisions for the better management of the offices therein mentioned."

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storage,' so far as the said act relates to the parish of St. Mary."

"An act for amending and keeping in repair the road leading from St. Jago de la Vega, in the parish of St. Catherine, to the junction of the Mayday-hill road, at Dry River, in the parish of Clarendon; and for vesting in trustees the toll raised by a turnpike on the said road, for the purposes aforesaid."

"An act to extend the powers granted by a certain act entitled, 'An act for building a stone-bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in the parish of St. Catherine."

"An act empowering William Savage, esquire, and his trustees, to sell Toby Abbot's pen, securing the purchase-money on other premises; and for other purposes."

"An act to enable the executors and trustees of the will of Aaron Silvera, deceased, to make a good and valid lease of certain premises, part of the estate of the said Aaron Silvera."

"An act for granting privileges and immunities to William Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, Charles Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, John Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Catherine Ferguson, and Jean Ferguson, free mulattoes, the reputed sons and daughters of James Ferguson, of the parish of Trelawny."

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Sabbati, 14<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

THE engrossed bill in aid of the militia act, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Bill in aid of militia act passed.

The resolution moved in the house, on Wednesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 300*l.* to Mr. William Bullock, clerk to the commissioners of correspondence, for his extraordinary trouble and attendance on the said commissioners, during the last and present year, having lain

Resolution for 300*l.* to Mr. Bullock, agreed to.

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three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house, *nem. con.*

Resolution for 100*l.*  
to naval officer,  
agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Thursday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the order of David Innes, esquire, naval officer, the sum of 100*l.* to be by him paid to the clerks in his office, for their trouble in preparing the several returns, directed by the house to be sent from the said office, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 100*l.*  
to collector in  
Kingston, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Thursday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the order of the collector of his majesty's customs, in Kingston, the sum of 100*l.* to be by him paid to the clerks in his office, for their trouble in preparing the several returns, directed by the house to be sent from the said office, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for fees  
on Fraser's manu-  
mission bill, agreed  
to.

The resolution moved in the house on Thursday last, that the receiver-general do pay the fees on the bill for making free and rewarding a negro man slave, named Fraser, belonging to William Falconer and Malcolm Macleod, esquires, and for paying the value of the said negro man slave, the same being a private bill, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Report from com-  
mittee of accounts.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had examined the account of captain Delahouffee, of the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, and the contingent account of that corps, the petition of the wives and children of the late captain Richard Read, a maroon, the memorial of the officers of the 67th regiment, and the memorial of George Innes; and recommend to the house, to refer the said several matters to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report 74 resolutions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported seventy-four resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the expence of furnishing the troops with candles, blankets, and cooking utensils, ought to be borne by his majesty's government of Great-Britain.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, granting to the order of the commissioners of forts and fortifications, the sum of 2000*l.* for the purpose of supplying, by contract or otherwise,

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his majesty's troops, stationed in this island, with fuel, according to the following rates *per week*: 1 serjeant-major and quartermaster-serjeant, 1-32d of a cord of wood; 12 non-commissioned officers and privates, 1-8th of a cord of wood; for each hospital, not exceeding one cord of wood.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to grant to the officers, who are not provided with barracks, 40*l.* *per annum*: for lodging-money, and to commanding officers the sum of 80*l.* *per annum*.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct the board of works to allow barrack furniture to officers, to the extent suggested in the report of a court of inquiry, dated 6th June, 1799, annexed to the report of the board, of the 22d November last.

5. That it is the opinion of this committee, that the clause in the present poll-tax law, vesting the appointment of deputy barrack-masters in the board of works, ought not to be revived, but that a clause should be inserted in the poll-tax law, to be passed this session, vesting the same in the barrack-master-general, who will be considered as responsible for the neglect or misconduct of his deputies.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, with a copy of the report made to the house, by the board of works, on the 22d November last, and requesting that his honour will be pleased to give such positive orders, and establish such regulations, for the better order and government of the barracks, that the public property may be preserved from destruction.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to agree to the report of the surveyor of the public works, annexed to the report of the board of works, of the 29th November last.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill to appoint commissioners to purchase lands, in the interior parts of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. L. Cuthbert, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee for that purpose.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Elizabeth Sylvester, in consideration of the services performed by her late reputed husband, Thomas Hanlon, during the maroon rebellion, agreeably to the prayer of her petition presented to the house this session.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Alexander Forbes, superintendant of the maroons at Accompong-Town, in full for lodging-money for the present year.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to Alexander Forbes, superintendant of the maroons of Accompong-Town, in addition to his usual annual salary, for the last and the present year.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 70*l.* to Mrs. Sarah Baldwin Harrison, or her representative, in full compensation, as one of the proprietors, for the occupancy of the Spanish-Town theatre, by detachments of his majesty's troops, for seven years last past, as by her petition to the house this session.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petition of assistant-surgeon Edward Coldwell, of the 20th regiment of light dragoons.

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14. That it be recommended to the house, to agree to the report made to the house on the 10<sup>th</sup> December instant, from the committee to whom the petition of Hugh Frazer, late deputy-marshal, and keeper of the county-gaol for Surrey, was referred :

15. That it be recommended to the house, to refer back the accounts annexed to the two petitions of James Stewart, deputy-marshal, to the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to be audited by them

16. That it be recommended to the house, to refer back the account annexed to the petition of Thomas Morley, to the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to be audited by them.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, in answer to his honour's third message of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, to thank him for his attention to the relief of the town of Kingston ; and to assure his honour, that they think it a very desirable object, that the French prisoners admitted to their parole be removed to Fort-Augusta ; but that the house cannot consent to have the expence of supplying them with water paid by the island.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 160*l.* to George Murray, in full for the value of a negro named Manuel, who died when employed in the public service, as a requisition negro sent from Latium estate, in St. James's, during the late disturbances in the county of Cornwall.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 28*l.* to George Ruggles, for two fat cattle, by him supplied a detachment of militia, lately employed on service against the rebellious runaway slaves.

20. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 41*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to William Dance, late deputy-marshal, and keeper of the county-gaol of Surrey, for monies by him advanced for the maintenance of prisoners confined therein.

21. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 32*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to Adam Willis, for medicines furnished, and attendance on, the Trelawny black shot, when on duty at Windsor.

22. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 52*l.* 1*s.* to John Fenton, for provisions supplied the troops on duty at Oxford estate, and for the hire of a negro in the public service.

23. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 36*l.* 10*s.* to Elizabeth Stoney, for rations supplied a company of the Trelawny militia, on duty at Stonehenge estate.

24. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 44*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to Thomas Johnston, for the carriage of sundry provisions and other articles, for the 83<sup>d</sup> regiment, and for 17*cts.* of coffee supplied the said regiment.

25. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 17*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* to Taylor and Bacon, for sundries supplied a party of the Trelawny light dragoons, on duty at the Black-  
Grounds.

26. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 16*l.* to William Jackson, for the  
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hire of wains and cattle, in removing baggage of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from Old-Harbour to Spanish Town.

27. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 3*l.* to Simon Adolphus, for one year's care of the island coach.

28. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to Blackley Bayle and company, on account of John Ingram, the sum of 1*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* for salted fish supplied military detachments on service; on account of Alexander Gallant, the sum of 8*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* for making clothing for the black shot and light infantry; and on account of John Bromley, the sum of 8*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for medicines furnished a company of dark infantry.

29. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 637*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* to Charles Nicholas Pallmer, solicitor for the crown, for sundry law business by him transacted, on account of the public, during the present year.

30. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 388*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to the corporation of the Trelawny workhouse, for the hire of negroes in the service of the 83d regiment.

31. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 81*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* to Samuel Bell, for attendance on, and medicines furnished, prisoners in the county-gaol of Cornwall.

32. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 72*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* to John Henderson, for boat-hire, and for wharfage and wainage of sundry military and ordnance stores.

33. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 20*l.* to the representative of Samuel Graham, deceased, for six musquets, and one carbine, supplied the public commissioners of Trelawny.

34. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 252*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* to William Hamilton Bullock, for clothing supplied the Trelawny militia and black shot.

35. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 278*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to Brailsford and Pinkcombe, for water and boats supplied Fort-Charles, Fort-Augusta, and the Apostles-Battery.

36. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 25*l.* to William Fenwick, for one year's care of the clock in the assembly-room.

37. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to doctors Broadbent and Lee, for one year's salary, as physicians to the county-gaol of Middlesex.

38. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 55*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* to Roger Dobson, for the hire of carts, cattle, and negroes, in the public service.

39. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 1141*l.* 10*s.* to Matthew Atkinson, secretary of the island, for examining, attesting, and recording laws, and for sundry expences incurred by him, in the public service.

40. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 93*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* to the corporation of the St. Ann's workhouse, for the hire of negroes in the service of the 83d regiment.

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41. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 152*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to John Maxwell, captain of the Apostles-Battery, for pay, and the usual allowance for boat-hire, due to him.

42. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 277*l.* to Benjamin Tenison, for water supplied a detachment of the 83d regiment, at Lucea barracks.

43. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 211*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* to doctor James Walker, for one year's salary as physician to the county-gaol of Surrey, and for medicines furnished the sick prisoners confined therein.

44. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 118*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Belinda Veitch, for the maintenance and clothing of pioneers at Fort-George, and for other expences incurred by the late captain John Veitch.

45. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 115*l.* to Henry Waite Plummer, for the hire of carts and negroes, in the public service.

46. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 276*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* to John Edwards, for fire-wood supplied the 83d regiment, and the York hussars, at Savanna-la-Mar, and for the carriage of army baggage.

47. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 19*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* to William Cathcart, for furnishing rations for two days, to a detachment of the 83d regiment, at Bog-Walk.

48. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 171*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to James Dismore Pinnock, captain of Fort-Lindsay, for pay and lodging-money.

49. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 446*l.* 15*s.* to George Robert Johnson, for supplying a detachment of the 83d regiment, at Fort-Charlotte, with fire-wood.

50. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 73*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* to Edward Martin Whitehead, for monies by him advanced for the maintenance of prisoners, confined in the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega.

51. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 53*l.* 10*s.* to John Stone, for monies advanced by him, for the maintenance of prisoners in Kingston gaol.

52. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 193*l.* to Gayner and Manderson, for 193 cords of fire-wood, supplied the 83d regiment, at Montego-Bay.

53. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 39*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* to John Hewan, for medicines supplied, and attendance on, the St. James's black shot.

54. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 132*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* to William Welby Vaughan, deputy-marshal of the precinct of St. Catherine, in full of the account annexed to his petition to the house this session.

55. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in

one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 102*l.* to major Augustus Gould, for island pay and lodging-money, as brigade major; and also the further sum of 182*l.* 10*s.* for 365 days pay, as barrack-master-general.

56. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 35*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* to John Michael Dwyer, for translating sundry Spanish dispatches, of a public nature.

57. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 102*l.* to lieutenant-colonel M<sup>r</sup>Murdo, for island pay and lodging-money, as deputy quarter-master general of his majesty's forces in this island.

58. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 102*l.* to doct<sup>r</sup> Charles Lind, surgeon to the forces, for island pay and lodging-money.

59. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 345*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to the officers of the 83d regiment, in full of the account for lodging-money, sent down to the house this session; and also the sum of 134*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* to the commanding officer of the said regiment, in full of the contingent account, sent down as aforesaid.

60. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 156*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Martha Thomas, for the hire of pioneers for the troops.

61. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 57*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to George Thompson, for the hire of pioneers in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment.

62. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 51*l.* to John Donnan, for the hire of two negroes, in wooding and watering a detachment of the royal artillery, at Fort-George.

63. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 31*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to major Butter, or his representative, for the hire and clothing of two pioneers, from 25th December, 1798, to 14th March following; and also the sum of 38*l.* 5*s.* for island pay and lodging-money due him, for same time.

64. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 243*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Donald Campbell, captain of Fort-Montego, for two years pay, to 1st December, 1799.

65. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to John Henry Schroter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, for one year's pay, to 30th November, 1799.

66. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 108*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* to James Fannin, for sundry printing business done for the public.

67. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 138*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* to George Watson, on the behalf of William Jolly, for sundry repairs done at the St. James's new barrack.

68. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 765*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* to the officers of the 20th regiment of light-dragoons, in full of the account for lodging-money, sent down to the house, by his honour the lieutenant-governor, this session.

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60. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 34*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* to Hugh Clough, for freight, wharfage, drayage, and boat-hire, in conveying to the out-ports, medicine-chests and bedding, for the regular troops.

70. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 83*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to major-general Churchill, for inland pay and lodging-money, from 1st May to 1st December, 1799.

71. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 125*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* to the commanding officer of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, the amount of a contingent account, accrued from 23th November, 1793, to 24th November last.

72. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Agnes Scott, for the hire of a pioneer negro in the 67th regiment.

73. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 178*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* to William Mitchell, esquire, being the amount of an account of lodging-money, due to the officers of the 63d regiment, and which was paid to the commanding officer of the regiment by Mr. Mitchell, at the time of its leaving the island.

74. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 253*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* to the officers of the York hussars, in full of the account of lodging-money, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant governor, this session.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will again, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

*Resolved,*

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, with copies of the first five resolutions this day reported from the said committee.

Deficiency bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal) took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses.*"

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A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes; and for other purposes;

Motion for enforcing residence of clergy;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Chief-Justice, and Mr. Quier, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Charles Douglas, superintendant of the maroons at Moore-Town, the sum of 50*l.* for lodging-money for the present year, his petition to the house for that purpose being laid;

Vote for 50*l.* to Charles Douglas;

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Three days rule.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 15*l.* to doctor Alexander Watt, for his services to the public;

Vote for 150*l.* to doctor Watt;

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Three days rule.

*Ordered,*

That there be a call of the house, on Tuesday the 24th instant.

Call of the house.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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*Martis, 17<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.*

**Wapers. ORDERED,**

That the three following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

*First message.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour; and to lay before you a copy of a report made to the house, by the board of works, on the 22d day of November last; and to request that your honour will be pleased to give such positive orders, and establish such regulations, for the better order and government of the barracks, that the public property may be preserved from destruction."

Message to his honour, respecting barracks.

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## Second message.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, with resolutions of Saturday last.

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you copies of certain resolutions of the house, of Saturday last.*"

## Third message.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, respecting French prisoners on parole.

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to thank you for your attention to the relief of the town of Kingston, and to assure your honour, that they think it a very desirable object, that the French prisoners admitted to their parole be removed to Fort-Augusta, but that the house cannot consent to have the expence of supplying them with water, paid by the island.*"

Ordered,

That Mr. Henry and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal) be a committee to wait on his honour with the above three messages; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Deficiency bill passed.

The engrossed bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Resolution for 50*l.* to Charles Douglas, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Saturday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause authorizing the receiver-general to pay to the order of Charles Douglas, superintendant of maroons at Moore-Town, the sum of 50*l.* in full for his lodging-money for the present year, his petition to the house for that purpose having been mislaid, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 150*l.* to doctor Watt, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house, on Saturday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom either of the money-bills stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 150*l.* to doctor Alexander Watt, for his services to the public, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Bill for residence of clergy presented.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Island arms bill presented.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

A member, in his place, stated to the house the contents of a petition from the merchants in the town of Kingston, which he proposed to present to the house:

Motion to receive a petition from the merchants of Kingston;

And a motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

*Resolved,*

That the petition of the merchants in the town of Kingston, proposed to be presented to the house, contains matter of a public nature, and ought to be received:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

Then the said petition was received, and read, setting forth,

"That, from the great number of the enemy's cruisers hovering round the island, the droggers employed in the coasting trade, and ships going from that place to load at the out ports, were exposed to imminent danger of being captured; many of the former having recently fallen into their hands, with valuable cargoes of this country's produce on board, and the premium of insurance had thereby increased to a rate, that the present price of produce would not afford."

Petition read.

And praying for relief.

*Ordered,*

That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Committee on state of the island,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows:

report one resolution.

That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, with a copy of the petition this day presented to the house, from the merchants in the town of Kingston, to assure his honour that, in the opinion of the house, the grievance stated in the said petition affects the general interests of the island; and to request that his honour will be pleased to adopt such measures, as to him shall seem most effectual for the redress thereof.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trelawny, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water:

Falmouth water bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

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Mr. Henry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where several of the said amendments being again read, were agreed unto by the house:

Then one other amendment being again read;

And a motion being made, that the report be amended, by inserting the words, "John Gayner:"

It passed in the negative.

Then the several other amendments being again read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trilawny, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water.*"

Vote for 40*l.* to  
comptroller at Mon-  
tego-Bay:

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Peter Grant, esquire, comptroller of his majesty's customs at Montego-Bay, the sum of 40*l.* to be by him paid to the clerks in the custom-house at the said port, for their trouble in making out the returns ordered by the house to be sent from thence;

Ordered,

Three days rule.

That the same do lie three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same,  
KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Mercurii, 18<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

Falmouth water  
bill passed.

Prayers. THE engrossed bill *to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trilawny, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water,* was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of the petition presented to the house, from the merchants in the town of Kingston, and to assure your honour that, in the opinion of the house, the grievance stated in the said petition, affects the general interests of the island; and to request that your honour will be pleased to adopt such measures, as to you shall seem most effectual for the redress thereof.*"

Message to his honour, with petition of Kingston merchants.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Minot, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), and Mr. Quier, be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; and also to carry the above engrossed bill, and the engrossed bills of Saturday and Tuesday last, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the bill for discharging a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in or near the town of Falmouth, in this island, the proprietor and proprietors of the same, and the estate and representatives of Thomas Reid junior, formerly of the parish of Trelawny, esquire, now deceased, from a certain proviso or condition, contained in an indenture of conveyance of the said piece or parcel of land, from Edward Barrett, of the parish of St. James, esquire, lately deceased, to the said Thomas Reid; and from a certain bond, executed by the said Thomas Reid to the said Edward Barrett, with intent (*inter alia*), to prevent a breach of such condition, upon certain terms:

Falmouth wharf bill read second time; and counsel heard thereon.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be now read a second time:

Then the counsel on both sides were called in:

And the said bill was read a second time:

And the petitions of George Crawford Ricketts, of the parish of St. Catherine, esquire, on behalf of himself and of Henry Waite Plummer, Philip Anglin Scarlett, and James Scarlett, esquires, trustees and acting executors named in and by the last will and testament of Edward Barrett, late of the parish of Trelawny, esquire; and of messieurs Lamont and Summers, of the parish of Trelawny, wharfingers, were also severally read:

And the counsel in support of the bill proposing to examine a witness:

The same was objected to:

And then the counsel were directed to withdraw.

And a motion being made, and the question put, that the counsel in support of the bill, be at liberty to produce the evidence proposed;

It was resolved in the affirmative:

Then the counsel were again called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them therewith:

And the said witness was examined, in support of the bill:

And then the counsel on both sides were directed to withdraw:

*Resolved,*

That the further hearing of counsel on the said bill, be adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, to whom the petition of Thomas Kaylett, of the parish of St. Andrew, esquire, at present absent from this island, by John Davidson,

Thomas Kaylett's petition reported:

vidion, of the parish of Kingston, merchant, his lawful attorney for this purpose specially appointed, was referred, reported,

That they had inquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill, for effecting the purposes expressed in the said petition:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Henry, be a committee for that purpose.

Report from committee of accounts.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had examined sundry accounts which had been referred to them, and are of opinion, that the following persons should be paid the sums set opposite their respective names:

	£.	s.	d.
Hugh Clough, for lodging-money for one year	20	0	0
Colonel Fead, for sundry disbursements, in making a room for the police inspectors, for repairing the officers mess-room, and painting the officers and gunners quarters, in Fort-Charles	44	19	7
Thomas Ashmeade, for the hire of a sloop, conveying a detachment of the 83d regiment from St. Ann's Bay, to Montego-Bay	100	0	0
James Jones, for waggonage of sundry provisions for the 18th regiment of light dragoons, in 1795	19	3	6
Thomas Morley, for the maintenance and lodging of 10 non-commissioned officers of the 33d regiment, for 8 days	39	15	0
James Stewart, for monies advanced for the subsistence and lodging of French officers and men, for 21 pair of shoes furnished the men, and for the hire of negroes to supply them with wood and water	159	0	10
Officers of the 67th regiment, for lodging-money, the sums set opposite their respective names	413	3	5
Seba Shelly, for the hire of negroes to act as pioneers, to supply a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at the barracks at St. Ann's Bay, with wood and water, from 28th November, 1798, to 14th March, 1799	71	13	4
Robert Jackson, captain of Fort-Charlotte, for pay and lodging-money, to 31st December, 1799	150	0	0
Contingent account of the 67th regiment, to the 30th November, 1799	507	5	10

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

*Ordered,*

Leave to a member to petition council.

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) have leave to petition the council, on the passage of the bill to constitute certain persons, therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trelawny, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water.

*Resolved,*

*Resolved, nem. con.*

That three be a quorum of the committee, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's third message of the 13th March last, and the papers therewith sent, and also his honour's message of the 6th instant, are referred.

Three to be a quorum of maroon committee.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying unto Alexander Aikman, the sum of 1740*l.* the balance of 4740*l.* reported to be due to him, by the committee appointed to collect and revise the minutes of the house, from the earliest records of their proceedings, and to cause the same to be printed, under their inspection, after the manner of the Journals of the House of Commons, on the 6th day of March last;

Vote for 1740*l.* to Alexander Aikman, for journals:

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house. Three days rule.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying unto James Wintle, the sum of 150*l.* in full for his attendance on the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, during the present session;

Vote for 150*l.* to James Wintle:

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house. Three days rule.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Tobis, 19<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

**Prayers.** THE bill for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public, was read a second time:

Island arms bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes, and for other purposes, was read a second time:

Residence of clergy bill, read second time.

And a motion being made, that the said bill be rejected:

A debate thereon arising, and the question being put, it passed in the negative:

Motion to reject it, on debate, negatived.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The house proceeded to the further hearing of counsel on the bill for discharging a certain piece or parcel of land, situate in or near the town of Falmouth, in this island, the proprietor and proprietors of the same, and the estate and representatives

Counsel heard further on Falmouth wharf bill; which,

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representatives

representatives of Thomas Reid junior, formerly of the parish of Trelawny, esquire, now deceased, from a certain proviso or condition, contained in an indenture of conveyance of the said piece or parcel of land, from Edward Barrett, of the parish of St. James, esquire, lately deceased, to the said Thomas Reid; and from a certain bond, executed by the said Thomas Reid to the said Edward Barrett, with intent (*inter alia*), to prevent a breach of such condition, upon certain terms:

And the counsel for and against the bill were called in:

Then two witnesses, in support of the bill, were examined.

And then the counsel on both sides were directed to withdraw.

And a motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

*Resolved,*

That at present the house will hear no more witnesses, to the matters already examined to, but that the counsel in support of the bill proceed to examine witnesses, to any new points that he may have to submit to the house:

It was resolved in the affirmative:

Then the counsel on both sides were called in, and informed by Mr. Speaker of the resolution of the house.

And a former witness, in support of the bill, was again examined.

And one other witness, in support of the bill, being examined;

And it being proposed to examine one other witness, in support of the bill;

The same was objected to, as the question proposed to be put, was on the subject-matter to which witnesses had been already examined.

And then the counsel on both sides were directed to withdraw:

And a motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved,*

That leave be given to the counsel on both sides, to put such questions to any witnesses to be produced, as had been by any former witness answered in the negative, or as to facts not within the knowledge of such former witness:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the counsel on both sides were called in, and informed by Mr. Speaker of the resolution of the house.

And then the said other witness, in support of the bill, was examined.

And then three witnesses, against the bill, were examined:

And the counsel in support of the bill was further heard.

Then the counsel on both sides were directed to withdraw.

And a motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved,*

That this house do not hear counsel further on either side:

It was resolved in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Then the counsel on both sides were called in, and informed by Mr. Speaker of the resolution of the house, and were again directed to withdraw.

And a motion being made, that the said bill be rejected;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

on motion, and debate, is rejected.

Motion for adjournment, negatived.

A motion being made, that the house do adjourn;

A debate thereon arising, and the question being put, it passed in the negative.

Stolen produce bill,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for preventing the stealing of coffee, and other produce:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr.

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Mr. Sheriff took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Sheriff, from the committee, reported, that they had directed him to recommend to the house, to re-commit the said bill to the same committee who brought it in, to be re-considered: to be re-committed.

To which the house agreed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for making free and releasing a negro man slave, named Frazer, the property of William Falconer and Malcolm McLeod, esquires; and for paying the value of the said negro man slave: Frazer's manumission bill,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ross took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Ross, from the committee, reported, that they had directed him to recommend to the house, to re-commit the said bill to the same committee who brought it in, to be re-considered: to be re-committed.

To which the house agreed.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Graham to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

*Veneris, 20<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.*

MR. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for appointing commissioners to purchase lands in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there; which was received, and read the first time: Military lands bill presented.

*Ordered.*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Shaw, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island," passed in the year 1793; which was received, and read the first time: Amended prize-goods bill presented.

*Ordered.*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Shaw, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized, and for the purposes therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time: Kaylet's trust bill presented.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Re-committed stolen goods bill reported;

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, to whom the bill for preventing the stealing of coffee, and other produce, was referred, to be re-considered, reported the same; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

to be read second time this day six months;

That the said bill be read a second time, this day six months.

and to be printed.

*Ordered,*

That two hundred copies of the said bill be printed by the printer to the house, for the use of the members.

Continued poll-tax bill presented.

Mr. Quier, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill for continuing so much of the present law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trade, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, for three months longer; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

Resolution for 1740*l.* to A. Aikman, for Journals, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Alexander Aikman, the sum of 1740*l.* being the balance of 4740*l.* reported to be due to him, by the committee appointed to collect and revise the minutes of the house, from the earliest records of their proceedings, and to cause the same to be printed, under their inspection, after the manner of the Journals of the House of Commons, on the 6th day of March last, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 150*l.* to James Wintle, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to James Wintle, the sum of 150*l.* in full for his attendance on the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, during the present session, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Report of commissioners of public accounts.

Mr. Shaw, from the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had, agreeably to the order of the house, of the 6th instant, taken into consideration the account presented to the house on that day, of the debt due by the public to Wolmer's Free-School, and are of opinion, that, upon the trustees making up the sum, in their favour, to 16,000*l.* it will be an adequate equivalent to pay the said trustees annually, by way of perpetual annuity, the sum of 1500*l.* upon sinking the capital; which they recommend accordingly:

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, for effecting the purposes recommended in the above report.

Mr.

Mr. L. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d of November, 1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade; or to limit the same; and to state to the house, how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation, with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government, reported,

Report from colony committee.

That, in obedience to the order of the house, the committee proceeded to take into their most serious consideration, the several important objects on which they are directed to report their opinion; and, following up these in the order stated in the resolution, they have considered, in the first place, the trade of this colony: In order the better to enable them to report on this object, they have obtained from the naval office, an account of the exports of colonial produce, in the years 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, and 1799; the results of which are annexed in the appendix, and will shew, at one view, the increase of sugar, coffee, and all the other articles, the growth of the colony.

That it will be observed therefrom, that the quantity of sugar exported, from the 30th of September, 1798, to the 30th September, 1799, amounts, to all parts of the world, to 101,457 hogshheads, 13,538 tierces, 1321 barrels; the exports of the same article, from the 30th of September, 1790, to the 30th of September, 1791, as appears by the report made to the house on the 23d of November, 1792, was 85,447 hogshheads, 8037 tierces, 1718 barrels; the increase then, of the crop 1799, beyond that of the year 1791, is 16,010 hogshheads, 5501 tierces, and a decrease of 397 barrels: There is also stated in the appendix, an account of the export of coffee, in each year respectively, from 1793 to 1799, by which will be seen the rapid increase of the culture of that article: the quantity exported in the year 1791, was 2,299,874 pounds; in the year 1799, it amounted to 11,745,424 pounds; the accounts of the other articles of export, the growth of the island, taken from the returns of the naval officer, are also fully stated, and to which the committee beg leave to refer: From these it will be seen, that the quantity of sugar exported to Ireland, from the 30th of September, 1798, to the 30th of September, 1799, was 1752 hogshheads, 210 tierces, and 190 barrels; to the British plantations in America, 345 hogshheads, 68 tierces, and 177 barrels; to the United States, 3743 hogshheads, 920 tierces, and 172 barrels. The committee deem it necessary, on this occasion, to state to the house that, in their opinion, considerably more than nine-tenths of the produce of sugar exported from this island, has been on account of the proprietors and growers of that article; because it is evident that the latter suffer, or gain, by the fluctuations of the prices in the British markets, and the unavoidable heavy losses incurred by them, arising from the increase of duties, and the diminution of the drawbacks of such duties, on exportation to foreign countries: In the appendix will be found, a state of the several additional duties, laid on since 1792, in Great-Britain, and the deductions made from the drawbacks: With respect to the latter, the committee observe, with great concern, that his majesty's ministers have taken away the right which the West-India colonists always considered they were entitled to, in consequence of the export of their produce being chiefly confined to Great-Britain, by the operations of the acts of trade; viz. A full return of the duties, paid on importation, when the produce was exported to foreign countries: It is to be observed, that on every occasion of raising the duties on sugar in Britain, this right was held out, as an advantage to counterbalance the weight of such duties, by affording an opportunity for exporting to foreign countries, the surplus beyond the home consumption, in such manner as to give, in foreign markets, equal advantages to the exporters of

British produce, as neutral countries enjoyed in the same markets; and, until the ruinous and impolitic system, adopted since the commencement of the present war, of reducing the drawbacks, the most beneficial effects accrued to the British grower, whenever an increase of importation, far exceeding the home consumption, occurred; thereby affording encouragement to the export, whenever the prices in the British markets suffered any considerable depression.

That it appears to the committee, that representations were made to his majesty's ministers, in which were strongly stated the injustice, as well as the impolicy, of the measure adopted for reducing the drawbacks on exportation; and, in these representations, were foretold the evil consequences which have already so fatally ensued therefrom; nor does the committee consider, that the minister's having abandoned, for a limited time, the reduction of the drawbacks, and the further advantages given to the importer, of warehousing sugar on importation, instead of paying the duty on entry, as formerly, will compensate for the great losses already incurred by the preceding unjust and impolitic measures; more especially as the exporter will not be entitled to the benefit of the drawback, when the average price of sugar in the British market shall exceed 70s. including the duty: On the most moderate computation, the gross charges on importation, on 1 *cwt.* of sugar, including duty, exceed 44s. 5d. which leaves no more neat proceeds to the importer, when sold at 70s. than 25s. 7d.; but, in proportion as the price falls below that rate, so is the loss to the importer: The last prices quoted, and the accounts received from various parts of Great-Britain, state the markets for ordinary sugars, to be as low as from 52s. to 60s.; when the expences come to be deducted from such prices, very little indeed will remain to the importer; nor is it possible for the planters in this country, to defray the contingent expences of carrying on their estates, while the neat proceeds of their produce at the British market are so miserably diminished.

That, in 1791, the charges on the sales of sugars, including the English and Irish supplies, the insurances out and home, with duties, &c. amounted, on each hundred weight of sugar, to 26s. 5d.; at which time, the minister fixed a maximum when the drawback on exportation was to cease, at 60s. *per cwt.* duty not included.

That, in 1799, the minister has thought fit to fix the maximum at 70s. duty included; which duty alone (with the additional 3d. not to be drawn back, and 1s. 10d. convoy duty inwards) amounts to 22s. 6d. *per* hundred; so that, whilst our charges have increased about 150 *per cent.* upon the charges of 1791, the maximum has been reduced, and there is no more left to the planter, than 25s. 7d. to pay for making his sugar, supplying his estate with negroes, cattle, mules, lumber, English and Irish supplies, and for paying taxes, and the interest on his capital.

That the committee beg leave to state, from the most authentic information, that the quantity of sugar imported into Hamburgh, from the French and Spanish, as well as neutral colonies, and from the East-Indies in neutral bottoms, owing to the encouragement given by the reduction of the drawbacks in Great-Britain, did, in the last and in the present year, far exceed the quantity imported into the same city, from all the British colonies; and, to this chiefly is to be attributed, a great depression in the prices of that article, in the only great mart for the sale thereof for foreign consumption, which occasioned the great stagnation in the exports from Britain; thereby leaving a most astonishing quantity, in the British markets, according to the last advices from thence: The committee think it needless to enlarge on this subject, because his majesty's ministers appear to be convinced, from experience, of the impolicy and ruinous effects of their former measures.

That it has often been urged, in reasoning on the expediency of increasing the duties on sugar, and reducing the drawbacks on the exportation thereof, that the high prices in the British markets warranted such an increase and diminution, by protecting the importers from suffering thereby, and that the duties fell on the consumers solely:

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But when, to the heavy duties, the great rise in freights and insurances is added, and the rapid and continued increase of colonial taxes, in the price of negroes from Africa, of cattle and mules, of hired labour, of provisions of every description, of lumber, and in short of every article necessary for the subsistence of the inhabitants of the West-Indies, and for enabling them to carry on their plantations, are fairly considered, it will be found, that the balance that has remained to the growers, from the supposed high prices in the British market, is not so much as it usually was in the years of peace, when the prices in the same markets were much lower: To prove that this is the case, the committee have stated, from the best information they have been able to obtain, the progressive rise in all the articles before enumerated, since the 21st of November, 1792; to the statement of which they beg leave to refer.

That the effects of the present war caused so great an increase in the expences incident to British vessels, fitted out and employed in the intercourse between the British colonies, and the United States of America (from which latter, the former derive all the lumber required for building in most parts of the island, and for the packages of their produce, and a very great proportion of the articles of provision for the subsistence of the inhabitants), that it was impossible for the owners of such vessels to support so ruinous a trade: The British government, in consideration of this circumstance, and the distresses to which the colonies must necessarily be subjected, if they should be deprived of the necessaries which this intercourse afforded, did, in the year 1794, permit the importation into the British colonies, of all articles the growth of the American States, in American bottoms; this salutary measure has not been attended with all the good effects expected to result therefrom, owing chiefly to the depredations committed by the French cruizers on the American commerce, and the numerous captures of their ships employed in the intercourse with the West-India Islands; were it not, however, for this intercourse, cramped as it has been by the piracies of the enemy, this country must have been reduced to the greatest distresses: Besides the advantages derived from the supply of articles, essentially necessary for the very existence of the colony, and for carrying on its plantations, a further considerable advantage has accrued, by the quantity of rum exported to the American States; which, from the 30th of September, 1798, to the 30th of September, 1799, is 10,510 puncheons, and 129 casks; which was taken chiefly in return for the articles so imported in American vessels.

That the committee observe with concern, that the exportation of commodities, the growth of this colony, in American bottoms, is to be confined to the articles of rum and melasses only, after the 31st instant, under the express directions of his majesty's ministers. This circumstance will be severely felt, as the value of sugar, coffee, and other articles, hitherto permitted to be exported in such bottoms, must be replaced in bullion, to pay for the cargoes imported: And, when it is considered, that the only source from which specie is obtained in this country, is the commerce carried on with the Spanish colonies, which, as far as relates to Spain, is contraband and unlawful, the difficulty to find a substitute for the value of sugar, coffee, and other articles, so heretofore exported, to pay for the cargoes imported, must appear great in every point of view; and which the committee beg leave to offer for the serious consideration of the house; and they further beg leave to observe, that it is a very common practice, among the importers of American cargoes, in American bottoms, to carry the specie they receive in payment in this country, to be laid out in the purchases of the produce of St. Domingo, and by that means affording to our inveterate enemies, the very sinews of such warlike operations, as they may think proper to plan against us.

That, from the return presented to the house from the naval office, the committee have prepared a statement of the various articles of provisions imported into this island, from Great-Britain and Ireland, from the 30th of September, 1798, to the 30th of September, 1799, which is inserted in the appendix, and which will shew, in one point

point of view, the immense advantages derived from this colony to the commerce and navigation of Great-Britain: There is also a statement of the articles of the growth of the American States, within the same period; which last will clearly shew the impossibility of supplying many of the most important articles, required for the subsistence of the inhabitants of all descriptions, for buildings, and in manufacturing of our staples, if the intercourse now carried on with the American States should be interrupted: And the committee beg leave to submit to the house, that the circumstance of confining the exportation, in the manner directed, must, in their opinion, greatly discourage this trade, and thereby cause a considerable further rise in the prices of the articles imported from the American States.

That it is very important, in the opinion of the committee, to state to the house the disadvantages experienced by the planters of this country, in the article of rum, which has fallen in price in the British markets, within this last year, full two-fifths; evidently owing to there having been scarcely any purchases thereof made by the British government, for the use of the navy and army; which, in former years, caused an extraordinary increase in the consumption of that article in Great-Britain. The navy and army, for some time past, have been chiefly supplied with the article of spirits, by foreign brandies and corn spirits, imported from Hamburgh: It appears, from a statement of the returns made by the naval officer, that rum forms a very considerable article in the exportation from this island, by far the greater part of which has been sold in the country, affording to the planters a very considerable source in money, wherewith to pay island contingencies, the diminution of which, by the great fall in the price, has of late been very severely felt; and, unless the British government shall again resort to the purchases of this article, as heretofore, the committee apprehend, that the prices thereof may fall still lower.

That the foreign trade carried on in this island, under the authority of the free-port act, in foreign vessels, in peaceable times, afforded very considerable advantages, particularly by the importation of cattle and mules; the interruption of which, occasioned chiefly by the war with Spain, has been the cause of a very great rise in the prices, by which the article of fresh beef has risen to more than double what it formerly was: The same rise has taken place in the price of mules, which are essentially necessary for the carrying on plantations. In consequence of the representations made from this country to his majesty, he was graciously pleased to suspend the operations of war, so far as related to Spaniards, that have been and are induced to trade with us, under the authority and protection of the before-mentioned law, in their own bottoms: For the encouragement and protection of this trade, the commander in chief, by direction from the British government, grants certain certificates, or passports, to Spaniards, under which, they for some time arrived in considerable numbers, in the several free-ports of this island; but this trade was chiefly confined to the importation of bullion, cochineal, indigo, cotton, and drugs, and the exportation of manufactures imported from Great-Britain, for supplying the Spanish colonies: From this commerce, many great advantages have flowed to Great-Britain, and this colony has also been benefited thereby, chiefly from the importation of the specie requisite for the ordinary circulation. The Spaniards have imported no considerable number of cattle or mules, since the late protection afforded them, to trade with this island as before stated. The committee have been informed, from good authority, that this trade has of late considerably declined, owing to the directions given by the court of Spain, to use every means for its prevention; and also very materially, by the interruption it has suffered from British cruisers, whose practice it has too often been, to detain and bring in the vessels employed in carrying it on, on very slight grounds.

That the committee have now, to the best of their abilities, stated to the house, in compliance with its direction, all that has occurred to them to be necessary, to shew the state of the trade of the colony: They have not, indeed, entered into the

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detail of the advantages derived from this island to the commerce and manufactures of Great-Britain, from the importation of all the articles, not hitherto enumerated, required for the consumption of the island, and for carrying on its plantations and other settlements, brought directly from Great-Britain and Ireland; in British and Irish shipping: The amount of these advantages to the mother country, is almost incalculable.

That, in respect to the navigation of the island, the committee beg leave to refer to a statement of the tonnage employed in its trade, distinguishing British and foreign: This statement is made from the returns sent to them, from the several custom-houses, beginning with the year 1793, and continuing each following year respectively, down to the present: On this object they deem it not necessary to make any other observation, than to shew the advantage to the mother country, from the extent of the navigation employed in carrying on the trade of this important colony. Owing to the extended commerce of the British empire, since the commencement of the present war, to all parts of the world; to the number of ships employed by government in the operations of war, as transports and store-ships, and also to the very great rise of the prices of every article used in ship-building, in Great-Britain and Ireland, and to the very advanced wages, paid to artificers and seamen, this colony has suffered very great inconvenience and loss, from the want of a sufficient number of ships for carrying their produce to the British and Irish markets: The committee beg leave, in this place, to state the disadvantages to this country, by being obliged to pay convoy duties; which impositions are port-charges on our imports and our produce, which it is neither wise nor politic to lay, over and above the very increased duties paid on importation of the latter: No part of this port-charge is drawn back on exportation, nor has this island, in the opinion of the committee, derived any equivalent to counterbalance this imposition. The convoys outwards and homewards have not been more regular, nor much more frequent, since these duties were imposed, than they were before.

That the committee now proceed to the object of culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, the 23<sup>d</sup> of November, 1792: Although they have directed their inquiries in this respect, to the best sources from whence information can be obtained, they are sorry to state, that they have not received those returns, from many of the parishes of the island, which they have repeatedly requested might be sent: They have, however, made a statement, from the accounts they have received from some of the parishes, of the number of new sugar settlements since 1792, and also the number of coffee plantations therein, together with the extent of land, the number of negroes employed, and the quantity of acres actually planted in coffee; in which statement is expressed, whether the several proprietors of these plantations are present or absent from the island.

That the committee cannot too strongly impress on the house, the propriety of granting every encouragement, in the power of the legislature, to the advancement of the culture of this very valuable staple: They beg leave to observe that, over and above the advantages that must flow to the general commerce and revenue of the island, from the progressive value of the exports of this article, the population in the interior parts of the country, in which the plantations are situated, tends highly to the internal as well as the external security of the colony: Nothing certainly can be more evident, than that the settling the interior with industrious persons, and thereby opening roads of communication in many situations, which have hitherto, in a great measure, been deemed inaccessible, must contribute in the greatest degree to this security: Another great advantage, that must flow from such communications being effected, is the settlement of large tracts of country situated in the interior, now covered with woods, but which are admirably calculated for pens, for the rearing of horses, cattle, and mules, an increase of which must diminish the price, and thereby very greatly benefit the island in general: Cattle and mules are

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absolutely necessary for every purpose of colonial settlements, as well as for carriage from one part of the island to another; and it is from breeding, raising, and fattening, a great number of cattle, that the inhabitants, as well as the navy stationed, and the army quartered, in the island, derive a considerable part of their sustenance: It is with the greatest concern, that the committee have to state to the house apprehensions, founded on good authority from Britain, that some of his majesty's ministers, in order the more effectually to carry into execution, plans which they have suggested as necessary, in their opinion, to be adopted for the security and protection of this colony, have it in contemplation, by an act of the British legislature, to resume all patents for land granted, not already settled: This measure, it is incumbent on the good people of Jamaica to resist, by all possible lawful means, since it would strike at the very existence of property, acquired under the authority of proclamations, of many acts of parliament, and our own laws, and also from the valuable considerations paid for them in quit-rents to the crown.

That the invasion or violation of the right of private property, by measures of government, in all countries where attempted, have loosened the bands of social order: Should the parliament of Great-Britain proceed in any such measure, it will be a direct violation of those rights we are entitled to as British subjects, and would at once annihilate that constitution, inherent to the inhabitants, of legislating for themselves in all matters relating to internal concerns, and which they have enjoyed for upwards of a century: This principle, although not publicly recognised by an act of the British parliament, has nevertheless been deemed, by all wise and just characters in Great-Britain, to exist in full force, and that parliament has no right to infringe or abridge it, by enacting any law for our internal regulation.

That it appears to the committee, by authentic information received from Great-Britain, that it is the intention of the chancellor of the exchequer, by the authority of the British parliament, to prevent the extension of the cultivation of this colony, by new settlements; and, indeed, this seems to be the chief feature of, the notice he gave in the house of commons, for effecting the gradual and complete abolition of the slave-trade, by rendering the further importation of African negroes into the colonies, of less necessity: In his calculation however on this subject, he has totally overlooked the important consideration, with respect to plantations already settled, not having a sufficient number of labourers now on them, to make them productive in any proportion to their capability; which is a fact too notorious to be controverted: And his declaration, in the notice given of the measure he meant to introduce into parliament, the following session, that the further increase of negro population, in this colony, would prove highly dangerous to the white inhabitants, from the inequality of the numbers is, in the opinion of the committee, erroneous in the extreme: Nothing can so greatly contribute to the increase of white population, and that too of the description likely to be most useful for our security, as the encouragement of small settlers in the interior: The observation on this subject, contained in the very able report made to the house, the 23<sup>d</sup> of November, 1792, cannot be too often repeated, and the increase of small settlements made, almost exclusively, by persons who have been overseers, tradesmen, and book-keepers, since that period, clearly shows, how far the encouragement to such settlers has tended to the population of the country.

That, should the prospects which have hitherto been held out to people of this description, of acquiring property in land and negroes, be taken away, or in any considerable degree checked, no persons will adventure to this country, in which any confidence can be placed, to be employed on plantations as overseers, tradesmen, and book-keepers; without which, it is impossible to carry on plantations to any extent: The island would then be reduced to the necessity of employing low and worthless persons in these situations, from whose conduct no good could be expected, but the very contrary would be the case; in a very few years we should be reduced, in the most  
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useful white population required for agricultural purposes, in a very alarming degree : Such would be the effect, should the erroneous ideas of the chancellor of the exchequer, with respect to preventing new settlements, and the abolition of the slave-trade, be realized. The committee beg leave to state on this subject, that the island of Jamaica is very differently circumstanced to almost all other British West-India islands; which, being circumscribed in land, cannot admit of further extension in settlements, and have long since been possessed of a sufficient number of labourers for carrying on their plantations.

That it appears, from the books of the commissioners of public accounts, that there are in this island, 2,176,080 acres assessed to pay the land-tax and quit-rents; of which quantity, a proportion of not less than one half, may be estimated not to be in actual culture, but affording an ample field, not only for the improvement and extension of settlements in the interior, already begun, but also for numerous new settlements: To prove this in a clear manner, the committee beg leave, in this place, to shew, from the statement of coffee settlements in the appendix, the great disproportion in the whole quantity of land composing them, with the quantity in actual cultivation, which, taken in an aggregate point, is as follows: Number of plantations, 348; total quantities of lands, 128,346; land in actual cultivation in coffee, 15,343½; and land in provisions, which last the committee estimate at one half of the quantity in coffee. Another material observation here to be made, is the very small proportion of the proprietors of these interior settlements, that are absentees; which, by the statement before referred to, is shewn to be, out of the whole number of settlements, that only 33 are absent. The advantages that would unavoidably flow from the extension and culture of such settlements, both to the population and the productive property of the country, as well as to the navigation, commerce, and manufactures of Great-Britain, are too evident to require any argument in favour of the encouragement, that ought to be held out by the Legislature for their support: Should the British Government proceed in their threatened measures, it must appear to the whole world, that the inhabitants and proprietors of this country will be made the objects of the most pointed political oppression: on their parts, not only totally unmerited, but on the contrary they have, at least equally with any other description of his majesty's subjects, on all occasions, evinced their loyalty to the sovereign, and their attachment to the mother country.

That the committee beg leave to observe, that the strong measure adopted in the sessions of 1797, and carried into effect in the last session, of paying and subsisting two thousand men for the defence of the island, at its sole expence, is intended to increase the internal population by settling these men, and granting them small portions of land, after the expiration of the term of their military engagements: This forms one of the most advantageous features of a measure sanctioned by Royal approbation, and that of the king's ministers; how it is to be effected, should the policy of the British Government, with respect to preventing further extension of settlements in the interior, be pursued, the committee leave to the house to judge.

That the committee now proceed to state to the house, their observations and opinions with respect to the steps that have been taken in the British Parliament, since the report made in the sessions in 1792, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same, and how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony: Here they deem it necessary to insert briefly, the measures introduced into parliament on that subject; *viz.*

26th February, 1793. Mr. Wilberforce moved, that the house should, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider the circumstances of the African trade; which was opposed by sir William Young, who moved an amendment, "that this day six months" be inserted in the place of "*Thursday next*"; which was carried, 61 to 53.

24th May, 1793. Mr. Wilberforce submitted two motions to the house of commons; one for abolishing the trade for supplying foreign territories with slaves, which he carried by a majority of 7: The other, for limiting and regulating the importation of slaves into the British colonies, for a time to be limited, he lost by a majority of 10.

8th February, 1794. Mr. Wilberforce moved for leave to bring in a bill, for preventing the supply of foreign territories with slaves from the coast of Africa, in British vessels; which was carried by a majority of 23.

5th May, 1794. Lord Grenville moved the house of lords to postpone the second reading of the bill, to prevent the supplying foreigners with slaves, to the 1st of September, which was carried.

28th February, 1795. Mr. Wilberforce moved for leave to bring in a bill, for an abolition of the African slave-trade, at a time to be limited; which was put off for six months, by a majority of 17.

3d March, 1796. A bill for abolishing the slave-trade was read a second time: Majority 64 to 31.

5th May, 1796. This bill was rejected.

6th April, 1797. Mr. Charles Ellis made a motion respecting the slave-trade, and the negroes in the West-India colonies; which was taken into consideration by the house of assembly, on the 21st of December, in that year.

15th May, 1797. Mr. Wilberforce moved for leave to bring in a bill to abolish the slave-trade, which was negatived, *noes* 82, to 74.

2d April, 1798. Mr. Wilberforce made a motion for abolishing the slave-trade, at a time to be limited, which was negatived; *noes* 87, against 82.

8th June, 1798. Slave carrying-bill is past, in the same form it was in the preceding year.

1st March, 1799. Mr. Wilberforce moved the commons for abolishing the slave-trade, at a time to be limited; which was negatived; *ayes*, 54; *noes*, 84.

June, 1799. A bill passed the commons, for prohibiting the slave-trade, on the coast of Africa, within certain limits (Mr. Thornton's bill).

5th July, 1799. The house of lords reject Mr. Thornton's bill; *ayes*, 32; *noes*, 25; proxies on each side, 36.

10th July, 1799. House of lords make an order, on motion of lord Grenville, for the production of log-books of vessels carrying on the slave-trade to the coast of Africa.

11th July, 1799. Mr. Pitt gave notice in the house of commons, of his intention to bring forward some propositions, relative to the slave-trade, which he considered to be essentially necessary to the safety of the British West-India colonies.

That no measure that has engaged the attention of the British parliament, at any time, has had a more full investigation than this of the slave-trade. The legislature of this country has, at various times, fully considered the subject in every point of view: There stands upon the minutes of the house, a very able report thereon, presented the 16th of October, 1788. On the 12th of November, 1789, another report was made, in which was recommended a free conference with the council, on the subject, which took place on the 3d of December of the same year: At that conference twelve resolutions were entered into, which were reported to both branches of the legislature, and approved; and a remonstrance, grafted thereon, in temperate yet spirited language, to both houses of parliament, declaratory of the rights of the West-India colonies, protesting against any innovation of those rights, and claiming that protection to which they are entitled, by the most sacred engagements on the part of the parent country, was framed at the same time; the whole of which, the speaker was directed to transmit to the speaker of the house of commons. Many other discussions on the slave-trade have occurred, since the date of the report last mentioned, and the committee have particularly to notice the address

of the house, of the 22d of December, 1797, to his majesty; in which they have solemnly declared their right, under several acts of parliament, and by several proclamations of his royal ancestors, to the full benefit of obtaining labourers from Africa, and that they never can give up, nor do any act that may render this essential right doubtful.

That there remains not a doubt, in the opinion of the committee, that the advocates for an abolition of the slave-trade, in both houses of parliament, finding that the public clamours throughout Great-Britain, with respect to it (which were encouraged and fomented by the most artful and injurious misrepresentations) have in a great measure subsided, and after due reflection on the subject, that the public mind has been undeceived, now intend to effect their favourite measure of abolition, in an indirect manner, by plans; which however plausible as to the manner in which they are offered, are not the less insidious, and which if not resisted will, in their consequences, involve the gradual decay of the prosperity of this valuable colony, and ultimately effect its destruction.

That the act passed in the last session of parliament, for regulating the slave carrying trade, is undoubtedly calculated to lessen the number of negroes, to be brought from Africa to the British colonies, by laying a direct restraint on the profits of the British trader, and thereby causing a very great rise in the price of slaves, in the colonial markets: In this act are contained many new clauses, enacting new restraints, and severe penalties, all tending to clog the trade with every disadvantage and difficulty: To elucidate which, the committee beg leave to refer to the act itself.

That the limitation bill, for abolishing the trade on one-third of the slave coast of Africa, which was lost in the house of lords, was certainly intended, by its supporters in both houses, to be the first stage of their plans for abolishing the trade entirely.

That the committee think themselves in duty called upon, to state to the house how much this colony, in particular, is indebted to his royal highness the duke of Clarence, for his indefatigable exertions, and very able and spirited arguments in our support, in the debate in the house of lords on this bill; which, in a very great measure, contributed to its rejection.

That it is more than probable, that a similar bill may be brought forward in the present session of parliament, in addition to the propositions of Mr. Pitt on the subject of the slave-trade, the outlines of which he announced, as before stated.

That, from the several proceedings in the British legislature on this subject, the committee entertain the most serious apprehensions; as they all tend directly to assail, and to destroy, the capitals vested in the West-India settlements, at the invitation, by the encouragement, and on the plighted faith, of the crown and of parliament: It is too true to admit of a doubt, that the very existence of the British West-India colonists, and their families, as well as the security of their creditors, depend wholly on the success of those investments. The period is now arrived which requires, in self-defence, that they should make the strongest protestations, calculated to avert the imminent evils with which they are threatened, by the continuance of the policy pursued by some of his majesty's ministers, against their most sacred rights: A policy, which the committee does not hesitate to give as their opinion, is equally unwise, as it is unjust and cruel.

That, whatever our enemies in Great-Britain may presume to assert to the contrary, it is certain that the legislature of Jamaica has done every thing possible to be done, to render the condition of the slaves therein, as favourable as is consistent with their reasonable services, and the safety of the white inhabitants. To prove this, they refer to their statutes on that subject; and within these ten years, it is particularly to be remarked, that it has been the constant endeavour of the planters of this island, unitedly as well as individually, to promote and secure the comforts of their

slaves: That the same conduct will be continued there is every reason to expect, more especially as the most essential interests of proprietors, are so strongly connected with the welfare and prosperity of their labourers: The legislature of the island is alone competent to determine on such future measures, as may be expedient further to contribute to this very salutary object, founded on principles of humanity and justice, as well as good policy. There can be no doubt, that the state and condition of the slaves have of late been greatly meliorated; and, from the attention and care of the legislature, in enacting such further regulations as may be necessary, in aid of the humane dispositions of the inhabitants, that the condition of their labourers will be further greatly improved, and population by negroes born and reared in the country increased: But measures best calculated to forward these two important objects, must be adopted gradually, in order to facilitate and effect the purposes intended: In pursuing this line of conduct, the legislature, as well as the inhabitants, will do all that can be reasonably expected by the British parliament, and which certainly ought to protect them against the violations of rights, which a sacred regard to national justice and good faith ought to secure to them inviolably. The being supplied with labourers from Africa, for supporting, improving, and extending, settlements already made, and also for making new settlements in lands within the island, the property of individuals, is a right most sacredly pledged to us; and any attempt to take away or restrict that right, so as to abridge the supply necessary not only to maintain the present stock, and the present cultivation, but also to enable the proprietors of lands granted by the crown for the express purpose of being settled, must unavoidably defeat the lawful intentions of the inhabitants, by their labour and exertions, to improve their own fortunes, and thereby essentially to contribute to the riches and prosperity of the empire at large.

That this house is therefore called upon, in a peculiar manner, at this momentous crisis, by the duty they owe to themselves and their constituents, to resort to every constitutional measure, to resist the evils with which they are threatened.

That the committee, upon considering the state of the culture of this island, have endeavoured to shew how much its security against internal or external danger, will be rendered more effectual and permanent, from the settling numerous plantations in the interior.

That, should the country be deprived of the right to procure slaves from the coast of Africa, to improve and extend the numerous settlements already made therein, a very great proportion thereof must be undoubtedly abandoned, and the slaves now thereon sold by the owners to more opulent proprietors: The same cause will operate to prevent any new settlements being made, and of course put an entire stop to the internal roads of communication, on which the safety of the island so greatly depends: It will also operate most forcibly to discourage persons best calculated, by morals and education, to promote colonisation, from migrating to a country in which they can have no prospects of acquiring property: From these effects, which must unavoidably follow an abolition of the slave-trade, it is so evident, that the internal safety of the island, instead of being promoted by such abolition, as asserted by the chancellor of the exchequer, will be very highly endangered, that the committee think it unnecessary to enlarge on the subject.

That they have also to state, that beneficial effects have flowed from an act, passed in the sessions of 1797, "for laying a duty on all negro slaves which shall be imported into this island from the coast of Africa, that shall be above a certain age, and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age:" (The purposes of which commenced on the 1st of January, of the present year.) Such a proportion of young slaves have formed the cargoes imported, as never was experienced at any time before the operation of that act.

That the next object of inquiry referred to the committee, is the situation of the country with regard to foreign colonies. On this subject they think it not

not within their province to consider the intercourse with the island of St. Domingo, (which has taken place in consequence of the evacuation of that island by the British forces, and an arrangement or treaty entered into between general Maitland and the black general Toussaint L'Ouverture, the military commander in chief for the French republic) as a measure of general political tendency with respect to the British empire at large: They only beg leave to observe, that in their opinion, the nature of this arrangement and intercourse is without precedent, in ancient or modern history. Having said this, they will confine their observations to its effects with respect to this island, already experienced, and such further consequences as may ensue, should the intercourse be continued: While the British forces were in possession of Mole St. Nicholas, and Jeremie with its dependencies, great additional security was afforded to Jamaica, against any attempts of the enemy, to send armaments to land on our coasts; but the evacuation of these posts, and the establishing the treaty before-mentioned, as a substitute for the security derived from the possession of the former, is, in the opinion of the committee, a very weak measure, and founded on the most mistaken policy: For if it was adopted upon principles of economy, in order to save to the British nation the expences of maintaining these posts, it is evident, that a much heavier expenditure, and a greater force, would be requisite to defend the island of Jamaica, in case of an invasion, with the accumulated misfortune of a war carried on in this country, instead of St. Domingo: That unfortunate island is, at this time, in addition to many other great distresses, divided into two powerful factions, which are waging a civil war, attended with circumstances of most horrid barbarity and cruelty: The superiority has hitherto remained with Toussaint, at the head of the blacks, who commands over the greatest part of the country: Rigaud, the mulatto general, who is at the head of the people of colour, and a very considerable number of armed negroes, is in possession of by far the greatest part of the south district of the island, and has hitherto opposed a powerful resistance to the operations of Toussaint: The force of both parties is almost entirely made up of revolted persons of colour, and rebellious slaves.

That our safety at present is to be attributed, in a great measure, to this civil war; but, when the whole force of St. Domingo shall be collected, either by the union of both, or the overthrow of one of the factions, then will this country be in a most alarming situation; as it is more than probable that, in such case, a great force may be employed in an enterprise against us, not only with the views of plunder and disorganization, but also to prevent disturbances and fresh wars amongst themselves: Against this danger we have every right to call upon the British government for defence, since we are evidently exposed to it, from the effects of this treaty and intercourse: What faith can be placed in a character such as Toussaint? Who, even were he inclined strictly to fulfil his engagements with general Maitland, his authority, being alone supported on immediate personal influence over an ungovernable banditti, can have no stability: That this is the case, is strongly evinced by his refusing to receive, in terms of the treaty, the British commissary appointed for regulating and protecting the British commerce with that country. The insidious conduct of this general towards this island is no longer to be doubted, after the documents in possession of the house, which clearly prove it: He has unquestionably given encouragement to plans formed by order of the French directory, for making a powerful descent, in the windward districts of Jamaica, for the purpose of reducing this colony to the same ruinous condition as that of St. Domingo.

That the temptation of great profits, has induced many respectable commercial houses in Kingston to send vessels, with valuable cargoes, to trade in certain parts of that island, under the authority of the British government, which also permits them to receive in return, for the value of their outward cargoes, the colonial produce of St. Domingo.

That arms and ammunition were sent by the government of this country, in some of

of those vessels, in order to strengthen Touffaint against Rigaud; and the committee is informed that specie, to a very considerable amount, has also been sent in those vessels, to be applied in the purchase of colonial produce. The American States having, by agreement with the British government, a participation in the commerce in question; and the powers in being in St. Domingo, affecting to consider them in the light of a neutral nation in amity with France, have given to the subjects of those states, exclusive privileges, denied to British subjects. This circumstance, in addition to the extensive navigation of these states, and their cargoes consisting chiefly of provisions of the growth of their country, without which the inhabitants of St. Domingo could not be protected against famine, all the commercial advantages derived, and to be derived, from this trade, must centre in the subjects of those states, almost exclusively. Although the committee are not furnished with materials sufficient to state positively to the house, the loss or gain to the merchants in this island trading to St. Domingo, circumstances of some notoriety lead them to believe, that of late, in particular, great losses have ensued to the adventurers: Notwithstanding the restrictions attached to the licenses granted by the commander in chief, to persons carrying on this trade, (a copy of such license and restrictions are inserted in the appendix,) it is next to impossible, to prevent improper and dangerous characters being employed, in navigating vessels carrying on this trade from Jamaica; nor is it possible, completely, to withhold from our slaves, the knowledge of an authorized intercourse existing between our government, and rebellious slaves of the very worst description. What impression then, may it not be apprehended, will be made on the minds of our slaves, from the example held out by this intercourse? Viewing the measure in all points, the committee are decidedly of opinion, that no possible advantage can be derived to Jamaica by its continuance; but, on the contrary, that it is fraught with most imminent danger to our very existence.

That the committee come now to the last object of inquiry referred to them; viz. "The state of the public revenues, and how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government." On this subject, they beg leave to refer to the report of the commissioners of public accounts, in which are particularly stated the several grants for the ordinary contingencies of the island, for forts and fortifications, for the expences of the army, and for extraordinary contingencies; the result of the whole forming an amount of 527,500*l*. The sums raised in this island for the purposes of its government and defence, owing to uncommon circumstances which have intervened in and since the year 1795, and the great military establishment supported at the sole expence of the colony, have very far exceeded in amount the taxes laid in any former years, and have involved the country in a debt of 375,000*l*. at an enormous rate of interest. While the inhabitants were encouraged by the policy of the mother country, to make those exertions that are necessary to produce all the advantages derivable from their properties, they submitted to bear the burthens required to be laid upon them, and they have with great patience and perseverance hitherto struggled with the difficulties they have had to contend with, from their own resources alone. Should the British government however persevere, in the pursuit of measures destructive to this colony, in the manner stated in this report, it is too evident that the proprietors and inhabitants will, from the consequences of such measures, be reduced to a situation not to be able to support themselves and families, and to defray the necessary contingent expences for carrying on their properties; and still less to pay enormous taxes, from which alone are to be derived the means of making good their engagements with the British government.

# A P P E N D I X.

No. 1. (3) AN ACCOUNT of the total amount of EXPORTS for the years undermentioned.

Year.	Sugar.			Rum.		Ginger.		Pimento.		Bags of cotton.	lbs. of coffee.
	Hogsheads.	Tierces.	Barrels.	Punchons.	Hogsheads.	Casks.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.		
1793	77575	6722	642	34755	879	62	8605	420	9108	13029	3,983,576
1794	89532	11158	1224	39843	1570	121	10305	554	22153	16842	4,911,549
1795	88851	9537	1225	37684	1475	426	14861	957	20451	17766	6,318,812
1796	89219	10700	858	40810	1364	690	20275	136	9820	9903	7,203,539
1797	78373	9963	753	28014	1463	259	29098	328	2935		7,931,621
1798	87896	11725	1163	40823	2234	119	18454	1181	8961	2859	7,894,306
1799	101457	13538	1321	37022	1981	221	10358	1766	28273	30693	11,745,425

DAVID INNES, *naval officer.*

No. 1. (15) AN ACCOUNT OF EXPORTS from the 30th of September, 1798, to the 30th of September, 1799.

Sugar.		Rum.	Ginger.	Pimento.		Bags of cotton.	Tons of logwood and sulphur.	Log and 1/2 casks of mahogany.	Bis. of coffee.	Milk and boxes gum guaiacum.	Casks of castor oil.	Bags of turmeric.	Lancewood spars.	Tons of ebony.	Hides.	Bundles of supple tick.	Casks of oil nuts.	Casks of indigo.	Casks of yamb.	Cocoa.	Cow horns.	Tons of lignumvitæ.	Chest skins.	Casks of mella.	Tons of yew.	Barrel of fruit.	From whence, and whither, exported.			
Wt. in lbs.	Wt. in cwt.	Wt. in cwt.	Casks.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.	Tons.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	Casks.	Bags.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	1/2 casks.	From whence, and whither, exported.			
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5344	337	1082	38	410	723	544	339	561	242,185	38	4	1068	49	86												Savanna-la-Mar	GREAT-BRITAIN.			
7745	813	2426	28	136	26	1631	2655	148	105,515	11	4	19	670	7	179		4	9	15							Kingston	Port-Antonio			
11061	2021	3778	3130	15	325	1631	2655	148	1,332,511	62	24	128	397	2230	21	37759	822	10	1922	323	8962	7130	67	33	39		IRELAND.			
95617	12340	914	9625	1485	21662	28477	13341	2870	11,187,801						620												Kingston	Port-Antonio		
1538	210	354	27	5	2106	45	336		23,632																		IRELAND.	Kingston		
214		51			45		20																					Montego-Bay	Port-Antonio	
1752	410	405	91	27	5	2151	356		23,682						620													Santa Lucea	BRIT. PLANTAT.	
314	15	159	642	9	16	2	7		66,568																			Kingston	Montego-Bay	
13	50	431	14	35	27				1,875																			Port-Antonio	Santa Lucea	
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No. 2. EXTRACTS from the AGENT'S LETTERS.

4th March, 1795. An account of new taxes enclosed.

1st July, 1795. States the average price of sugar, at 65s. per cwt. exclusive of the duty.

6th July, 1795. States the maximum average price of sugar, at which the drawback is to be allowed, to be then fixed at 65s. throughout the whole year.

7th January, 1796. States a diminution of one-fourth of the drawback and bounty, on the re-exportation of sugar.

28th December, 1796. States as follows; viz.

An additional duty of excise, of 9d. per pound weight, on cocoa-nuts and coffee of the British plantations, imported and delivered from the warehouses for home consumption:—given up.

An additional duty of excise, of 8d. per gallon, on rum of the British plantations, imported, and one shilling and four pence, if above proof—[counterbalanced by a proportionate duty on brandy and other spirits.]

An additional duty of customs, of 2s. 6d. per cwt. on brown and muscovado sugar, of the British plantations, imported; a like duty per cwt. on sugar imported by the East-India company; and 5s. per cwt. on any other sugar imported.

The periods when these duties were to commence, was fixed to the 7th instant, (December.)

It was also proposed to retain 3s. 9d. of the drawback, hitherto allowed on coffee and cocoa-nuts, and to allow no part of the new or additional duties, on either coffee or sugar, to be drawn back on re-exportation.

The proposed retention of a part of the existing drawback, allowed on the exportation of coffee, given up; to allow the additional duties on raw sugar, and on coffee, to be wholly drawn back; and that a bounty on refined sugar, proportionate to that fixed at 26s. per cwt. when the duty was 15s. should be allowed, upon all sugar refined from the raw commodity, which shall have paid the new duty; and, in the end, it was agreed to give up also the proposed additional duty of 9d. per lb. on coffee.

8th June, 1799. States that an additional duty is imposed on all exports and imports, to continue during the war; sugar, coffee, and cocoa-nuts, whether from the East or West Indies, charged with a 3 per cent. on the importation, and 2½ on the re-exportation, on the estimated value of the West-India, and the actual sale price of the East-India, articles of those denominations.

The estimated price of muscovado sugar is taken at 61s. 8d. per cwt; coffee at 51. 11s. 1½d.; cocoa-nuts at 41. 11s. 8d.; and rum at 5s. per gallon; on which values a 3 per cent. duty will give, on sugar, per cwt. 1s. 10d; on coffee, per cwt. 3s. 4d; on cocoa-nuts, 2s. 9d; and on rum, for every 100 gallons, 15s.

The maximum average price of muscovado sugar, at which the re-exportation is, by the new average act, to be allowed, is now fixed at 67s. 6d. exclusive of duty.

11th June, 1799. States that an additional 8d. per cwt. is about to be imposed on British plantation muscovado sugar, and 4s. per cwt. on British plantation clayed sugar, imported into Great-Britain: That it was also proposed to withhold an additional 2s. 6d. per cwt. of the drawback on British plantation sugar, and 4s. per cwt. on coffee exported, with corresponding sums on the export of East-India, foreign plantation, and refined sugar.

No. 3. (2) AN ACCOUNT of ENGLISH and IRISH SUPPLIES, imported by the honourable Simon Taylor, *etquire*, for the use of his estates in Jamaica, for the year 1792.; viz.

II.  
S. T. For the following; this mark for Holland estate:

Amount of ironmongery; comprehending mill-work, boilers, axles, tyre, hoes, bills, axes, hoops, nails, cattle-chains; carpenter's, cooper's, mason's and blacksmith's tools; bar-iron, steel, cutlery; gardea and household utensils, &c. with packages, amounting to £. s. d.

Ditto of general plantation stores; viz. coppers, ladles, skimmers and lamps; strainers, lamp and paint oils, paints, cordage, canvass, wood-hoops, lead; falt, oatmeal, barley, pease, beans, oats; crockery, glass, and tinware; medicines, &c. amounting, with packages, also coals, to 428 10 7  
3331 yards oznaburgs, at 7½d. with packages - 111 19 8  
1490 yards blanketing, at 14d.-2s. and 2s. 10d. with ditto 169 8 2  
36 dozen hats, at 13s.-14s. 6d. and 19s. per dozen, with ditto 28 6 3  
25 dozen handkerchiefs, at 13s. per dozen, with ditto 16 5 0  
254 yards linen, at 13½d.-20d.-22d.-2s. and 3s. 9d. with ditto 20 11 0  
4 boxes soap, 3 ditto candles, and 4 firkins tallow 17 18 3  
1089 16 0

Charges on the above - 57 4 7  
Freight - 83 17 5  
Insurance - 38 18 00— 180 0 0

Deduct bounty received on 3331 yards oznaburgs

*Irish provisions, viz.*

120 barrels herrings, at 22s. 9d. - 136 10 0  
8 ditto mefs beef, at 62s. 6d. - 24 16 0  
8 ditto ditto pork, at 64s. - 25 12 0  
4 ditto hogs heads, at 54s. 6d. - 10 16 0  
4 half barrels tongues, at 64s. 6d. - 12 16 0  
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 24lb. at 72s. - 13 7 6

Charges on ditto - 21 7 5

Exchange at 107¼ on - 245 4 11 is 228 13 4  
Insurance on ditto - 7 8 0

236 1 4

1485 2 5

T.  
S. I. For the following; this mark for Lyffon's estate:

Amount of ironmongery, as above, - 221 12 10  
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto - 321 6 9  
509½ yards blanketing, at 15d. and packages 32 16 0  
34 dozen hats, at 12s. and 13s. and ditto 24 0 3  
30 dozen handkerchiefs, at 6s. 6d.-8s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. and ditto 12 8 9

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
231 yards linen, and packages	19	3	3	63	1	7
Charges on the above	30	2	9			
Freight paid on ditto	96	13	6			
Insurance	19	6	6	146	2	9

*Irish provisions, viz.*

100 barrels herrings, at 22s. 6d.	113	15	0
12 ditto mefs beef, at 62s.	37	4	0
12 ditto ditto pork, at 66s.	39	12	0
4 half barrels tongues, at 65s.	13	0	0
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 24lb. at 72s	13	7	5
4 boxes candles, at 6s 9d. and 2s. 6d.	10	12	6
3 ditto soap, 3cwt. 1q. 13lb. at 46s. and 2s. 6d.	8	2	3
6 kegs greafe, 1cwt. 3q. 5lb. at 52s. and 2s.	5	5	3

Charges on ditto	240	18	5
	18	14	7

Irish	259	12	6
Sterling			
Freight of the above		242	1 6
Insurance	19	1 4	299 5 7
			1076 16 2

L. S. T. For the following; this mark for Llanrumney estate; viz.

Amount of ironmongery	119	12	0
Ditto of general plantation stores	173	6	0
1855 yards oznaburgs, at 7½d. and packages	63	12	4
999 yards blanketing, at 16½d. and ditto	71	5	7
20 dozen hats, at 13s 6d. per dozen and ditto	14	9	0
523 yards linens, at 12d.-14½d.-2s. and 3s. and ditto	41	3	2
4 boxes soap, 3 ditto candles, and 4 firkins tallow	16	13	3
Charges on the above	21	6	3
Freight paid on ditto	46	6	7
Insurance	18	6	2
	85	19	0

585 0 4

Deduct bounty received on 2343 yards linens 14 12 4—571 8 9

*Irish provisions; viz.*

Sterling.

120 barrels herrings, at 17s. and 17s. 6d.	103	10	0
12 ditto mefs beef, at 57s. 9½d.	13	13	7
6 ditto ditto pork, at 59s. 8d.	17	18	2
5 firkins butter, 3cwt. 0q. 16lb. at 68s. 8d.	10	10	11
Charges on the above	8	1	0
Freight paid on ditto	43	18	0
Insurance	7	11	2
	59	10	2
	226	2	10
	797	10	10

H. C. S. T. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court estate; viz.

Amount of ironmongery,	151	14	3
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Ditto

Ditto of general plantation stores	-	£.	s.	d.	262	14	2		
3356 yards oznaburgs, 1497 yards blanketing,									
116 yards linen. 26 dozen handkerchiefs, 30									
dozen hats, 2 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, and									
2 firkins tallow; amounting to	-	177	9	3					
Charges, 26 <i>l.</i> 7 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> —Freight, 54 <i>l.</i> 4 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> —									
and Insurance, 24 <i>l.</i> 7 <i>s.</i> 0 <i>d.</i>	-	104	18	7					
		796	16	3	£.	s.	d.		
Deduct bounty received on 3395 yards linens		21	1	4	—	775	14	11	
	<i>Irish provisions, viz.</i>								
115 barrels herrings, 6 ditto beef, 2 ditto pork, 2 ditto									
tongues, 5 ditto ox-cheeks, and 8 firkins butter,									
amounts to	-	196	19	4	£.	s.	d.		
Insurance on ditto	-	11	2	2	—	208	1	6	—
						983	16	5	

Total 4343 5 10

An account of English and Irish supplies, imported by the Hon. Simon Taylor, Esquire, for the use of his estates in Jamaica, for the year 1793; viz.

II. For the following; this mark, for Holland Estate; viz.

Amount of ironmongery, as described in 1792	-	£.	s.	d.	202	2	1		
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto		£.	s.	d.	211	4	11		
3247 yards oznaburgs, at 8 <i>d.</i> and packages,		118	3	10					
1417 yards blanketing, at 16 <i>d.</i> and 2 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> and do.		162	17	2					
36 dozen negro hats, at 14 <i>s.</i> and ditto		25	18	0					
25 ditto ditto handkerchiefs, at 14 <i>s.</i> and ditto		17	10	0					
196 yards linen, at 14 <i>½d.</i> —18 <i>d.</i> and 2 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> and do.		14	9	2	—	338	18	2	
4 boxes hard soap, at 52 <i>s.</i> per cwt. and one									
firkin soft ditto, 33 <i>s.</i>		7	7	0					
3 do. candles, 15 dozen, at 8 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> and box, 2 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>		6	14	3					
4 firkins tallow, at 54 <i>s.</i> per cwt. and firkins, 4 <i>s.</i>		5	12	0	—	19	13	3	
Charges on the above	-	33	8	0					
Freight on ditto	-	64	18	0					
Insurance on ditto	-	27	7	0	—	125	13	0	
						897	11	5	
Deduct bounty received on 3301 yards linen						20	11	7	

<i>Irish provisions, viz.</i>		Irish.							
120 barrels herrings, at 24 <i>s.</i>	-	144	0	0					
8 ditto mefs beef, at 72 <i>s.</i>	-	28	16	0					
8 ditto ditto pork, at 74 <i>s.</i>	-	29	12	0					
4 ditto hogs heads, at 60 <i>s.</i>	-	12	0	0					
4 half ditto tongues, at 64 <i>s.</i>	-	12	16	0					
6 firkins butter, 3 <i>cwt.</i> 3 <i>q.</i> 4 <i>lbs.</i> at 64 <i>s.</i>	-	12	2	4					
		239	6	4					

Charges

Charges	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
	21	18	6						
Insurance, 15'. 6s. and commission, 4l. 17s. 2d.	243	0	4	20	3	2	263	3	6—1140

T. For the following; this mark, for Lyffon's Estate, viz.  
S. I.

Amount of ironmongery, as above	-	-	210	15	9
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	-	-	534	3	7
1989 yards blanketing, and packages	-	-	143	18	6
233 yards linens, and ditto	-	-	22	18	2
32 dozen hats, at 15s. and ditto	-	-	25	1	2
45 dozen handkerchiefs, at 7s.-8s. 6d.-10s. 6d.					
and 11s. 6d. and ditto	-	-	21	11	6
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			958	8	8

Charges	-	-	-	30	6	6		
Freight paid on ditto		-		93	11	0		
Insurance on ditto		-	-	21	1	6	—161 19 0—1120	7 8

100 barrels herrings, at 22s 9d.	113	15	0
12 ditto mefs beef, at 74s.	44	8	0
12 ditto mefs pork, at 76s.	45	12	0
4 half ditto tongues, at 65s.	13	0	0
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 8lbs.			
at 66s.	11	15	3
4 boxes candles, 2 ditto soap, 6			
kegs greafe	22	5	0
*Charges	19	19	11

Freight, 42*l.* and insurance, 22*l.*

L. For the following; this mark, for Llanrunney Estate; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792	-	-	200	13	10
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	-	-	154	7	3
1859 yards linen, at 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> d. per yard, and packages			65	10	7
924 ditto blanketing, at 17d. per ditto, and ditto,			70	13	0
323 ditto linens, at 13d.-13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d. and 2s. 3d. and ditto			32	8	2
22 dozen hats, at 14s. and ditto	-	-	16	8	0
3 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, and 4 firkins butter	-	-	-	18	16
Charges on the above	-	-	23	17	9
Freight on ditto	-	-	48	4	6
Insurance on ditto	-	-	19	17	0
			91	19	3

	650	16	7
Deduct bounty received on 1918 yards oznaburg	11	19	3—638 17 4

12 barreils mefs beef, at 70s.

6 ditto

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
6 ditto ditto pork, at 74s.	-	22	4	0			
5 firkins butter, 3cwt. 22lb. at 64s.	10	4	7				
Charges	-	6	0	9			
					80	9	4
120 barrel herrings, at 19s. 3d. sterl.	115	10	0		74	17	1
Insurance on do. and Irish provisions	15	8	6				
Freight and charges	-	45	0	8	175	19	2
					250	16	3
					889	13	7

H. C. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court estate:  
S. T.

Amount of iron work	-	-	-	-	59	9	6
Ditto of general plantation stores	-	-	-	-	81	4	5
2281 yards oznaburgs, at 8½d. and 9¼d. and packages	-	-	-	-	80	9	11
60 yards linens, at 13½d. and ditto	-	-	-	-	3	7	6
1236 yards blanketing, at 15d. and 17d. and ditto	-	-	-	-	88	12	4
30 dozen hats, at 10s. and 14s. per dozen, and ditto	-	-	-	-	23	18	9
26 dozen handkerchiefs	-	-	-	-	18	16	0
4 boxes candles, and 2 ditto soap	-	-	-	-	11	16	0
Charges, 14l. 12s. 10d.; freight, 24l. 10s. 6d.	-	-	-	-	39	3	4
Insurance	-	-	-	-	13	5	0
					430	2	9
Deduct bounty received on linens	-	-	-	-	14	8	0
					415	14	9
<i>Irish provisions:</i>							
6 barrels beef, at 72s. 4d.; 2 half barrels pork, at 38s.; 2 ditto tongues, at 64s.; 5 barrels hogs cheeks, at 60s.; 8 firkins butter, 5cwt. 9lb. at 60s.;—charges, 94s. 9d.; amounting to, Irish	-	-	-	-	68	8	0
Sterling	-	-	-	-	63	12	7
75 barrels herrings, at 17s. sterl.	67	10	0				
Freight 22l. 10s.; charges, 33s. 9d.	24	3	9				
Insurance	-	3	4	0	94	17	9
Insurance on the Irish provisions and commissions	8	13	0	-	167	3	4
					582	18	1
Total	-	-	-	-	4049	11	1

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H. For the following; this mark for Holland estate; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of ironwork, as described in 1792	283	15	2
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	487	6	11
4156 yards oznaburgs, at 8½d. and packages	140	9	3
339 yards linen, at 14½d.-16d. and 2s. 4d. and ditto	26	9	4
1524 yards blanketing, at 16d. and 2s. 10d. and do.	176	15	8
36 dozen hats, at 13s. and 24s. and ditto	36	6	0
29 doz. handkerchiefs, at 13s. and 13s. 6d. and do.	18	15	0

4 boxes

			£.	s.	d.
4 boxes soap, 2cwt. at 54s. and one firkin					
foft ditto 33s.	-	-	7	7	0
4 ditto candles, 20 dozen, at 8s. 6d. and boxes			8	19	0
4 firkins tallow, 2cwt. at 52s. and firkins			5	8	0
Charges on the above	-	45	11	6	
Freight on ditto	-	120	11	0	
Insurance on ditto,	-	67	11	6	233 14 0

1425 15 4

Deduct bounty received on 4252 yards oz-naburgs - - - 26 9 6—1399 5 10

*Irish provisions; viz.*

8 barrels mefs-beef, at 90s.	-	36	0	0
8 ditto ditto pork, at 76s.	-	30	8	0
4 ditto hogs cheeks, at 52s.		10	8	0
4 half barrels tongues, at 72s.	-	14	8	0
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 18lb. at 72s.		13	3	7
Charges	-	7	10	0

Irish 111 17 7 is 105 5 11 Sterling

Cost of herrings shipped at Glasgow 244 14 11  
Insurance on provisions and herrings 28 8 8—378 9 6—1777 15 4

T. For the following; this mark for Lyffon's plantation; viz.

Amount of ironwork, as above	-	186	15	3
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	-	547	14	6
2107 yards blanketing, at 18s. and packages		143	12	5
382 yards linens, at 1s. 9d. and ditto		32	7	1
34 dozen hats, at 28s. and ditto	-	46	12	0
34 dozen handkerchiefs assorted		17	14	0
2 boxes soap, 3 ditto candles, 6 firkins butter		20	9	3
Charges,	-	47	15	1
Freight	-	177	18	3
Insurance	-	60	15	3—286 8 7—1281 13 1

*Irish provisions; viz.*

12 barrels mefs beef, at 90s.	-	54	0	0
12 ditto ditto pork, at 76s.	-	45	12	0
12 ditto hogs cheeks, at 52s.	-	31	4	0
4 half barrels tongues, at 72s.	-	14	8	0
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 17lb. at 72s.		13	2	11
Charges	-	11	9	1

Irish 169 16 0 is 159 16 3 Sterling

260 barrels Scotch herrings, Sterling 230 6 10 }  
Charges - 7 16 1 } 267 14 7  
Insurance on ditto and provisions, 29 11 8 } ————— 427 10 10—1709 3 11

L. For the following; this mark for Llanrumney estate; viz.

Amount of ironwork, as described in 1792,	-	137	4	0
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	-	476	12	2

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	£	s.	d.	
2731 yds. oznaburgs, at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per yard and packages	93	1	5	
137 yards linens, at 13d. and 14d. and ditto	7	16	6	
1444 yards blanketing, at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and ditto	102	5	5	
32 dozen hats, at 13s. 6d. and 24s. and ditto	34	4	6	
23 dozen handkerchiefs, at 16s. and ditto	18	8	0	
5 boxes soap,—4 ditto candles, and 4 firkins tallow	20	13	10	
Charges on the above	37	14	9	
Freight on ditto	153	12	8	
Insurance on ditto	56	5	5	247 12 10
	1138	14	8	£. s. d.
Deduct bounty received on oznaburgs	17	13	10	1121 0 10
<i>Irish provisions; viz.</i>				
20 barrels mefs pork, at 76s.	}	amounting with charges to	159	5 3
16 ditto ditto pork, at 90s.				
4 firkins and 3 kegs butter, 3cwt. 1q. 12lb. at 74s.				
Cost of herrings from Glasgow	-		236	4 0
Insurance on herrings and provisions	-		29	9 6—424 18 9—1545 19 7
H. C. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court plantation; viz.				
S. T.				
Amount of iron work	-		286	13 1
Ditto of general plantation stores	-		223	0 8
2991 yards oznaburgs, at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and packages	106	13	10	
1474 ditto blanketing, at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and ditto	113	3	9	
31 dozen hats, at 13s. 6d. and 14s. and ditto	25	19	0	
28 doz. handfs. at 12s.—16s. and 24s. and ditto	19	4	0	
3 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, and 2 firkins tallow	15	18	6	
Charges on the above	33	0	0	
Freight on ditto	123	5	9	
Insurance on ditto	47	2	4	203 8 1
	994	1	0	
Deduct bounty on 2985 yards oznaburgs,	18	11	0	975 10 0
<i>Irish provisions; viz.</i>				
4 barrels mefs beef, at 90s. Irish	}	amounting with charges to	49	6 5 Sterling.
2 half barrels ditto at 45s. 6d.				
5 barrels hogs cheeks, at 52s.				
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 22lb. at 72s.				
Cost of herrings shipped at Glasgow, per Boyd and Alexander	-		210	16 2
Insurance on ditto and on provisions	-		24	8 2—284 10 9—1260 0 9
	Total		6292	19 7

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H.  
S. T. For the following; this mark for Holland estate; viz.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792	~	33 <sup>1</sup>	5	5
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	-	546	4	1
4297 yards oznaburgs, at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and packages	-	173	1	8
388 yards linens, at 14d. at 2s. 5d. and ditto	-	28	18	7
1770 yards blanketing at 14d. at 2s. 10d. and ditto	-	211	11	2
24 dozen hats, at 20s. and 24s. and ditto	-	55	13	8
50 dozen handkerchiefs, at 13s. at 16s. and ditto	-	19	10	0
4 boxes soap, 2cwt. at 53s. and 4 firkins soft	-			
do. 4cwt. 07. 16lb.	-	10	8	0
4 ditto candles, 20 dozen, at 8s. 8d. per	-			
dozen, and boxes	-	9	2	4
4 firkins tallow, 2cwt. at 56s. and firkins	-	5	16	0
Charges on the above	-	50	18	9
Freight on ditto	-	172	18	2
Insurance on ditto	-	80	0	0
		303	16	11
		1703	7	10

Deduct bounty received on 4408 yards oznaburgs - - - - - 27 8 0 - 1675 19 10

*Irish provisions, viz.*  
Irish.

10 barrels mefs beef, at 94.	} amounting with charges to	sterling 127	5	4
10 ditto ditto pork, at 76s.				
4 ditto pigs heads, at 54s.				
4 half barrels tongues at 75s.				
4 firkins butter, 3cwt. 37. 19lbs. at 76s.				
Cost of herrings shipped at Glasgow		296	7	0
Insurance on ditto and provisions		76	14	3
		500	6	7
		1992	6	5

T.  
S. T. For the following; this mark for Lyflon's estate; viz.

Amount of iron work	-	158	7	5
Ditto of general plantation stores	-	576	3	10
3073 yards oznaburgs at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. and packages	-	118	14	5
2060 yards blanketing, at 15d. - 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2s. 3d.	-			
and ditto	-	140	14	9
479 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards linens at 1s. 9d. and ditto	-	37	5	4
35 dozen hats. at 15s. at 20s.; and 34	-			
dozen handkerchiefs, at 16s.	-	65	19	6
3 boxes soap; 5 do. candles; and 4 firkins	-			
tallow	-	25	10	5
Charges on the above	-	43	1	6
Freight on ditto	-	189	15	11
Insurance on ditto	-	75	18	6
		308	15	11
		1431	11	7
Deduct bounty received on 3189 yards linen	-	19	15	6
		1411	16	1

*Irish*

*Irish provisions; viz*  
Irish.

12 barrels melfs beef, at 94s.	} amounting, with all charges, to sterling	167 18 10
12 ditto ditto pork, at 76s.		
12 ditto pigs heads, at 54s.		
4 half ditto tongues, at 75s.		
6 firkins butter, 3cut. 1q. 7lbs. at 76s.		
Cost of herrings from Glasgow, with charges	248 19 1	
Insurance on ditto, 45/ 17s. and on provisions, 12/ 5s.	58 2 0	£. s. d. £. s. d. 474 19 11—1386 16 0

L. For the following; this mark for Llanrumney estate; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of ironwork, as described in 1792	-	323 0 4
Ditto of general plantation stores	-	481 2 1
3015 yards oznaburgs, at 8½d. and packages,	116 7 8	
256 yards linen, at 14d.-2s. and 2s. 5d. and do.	24 3 3	
1420 yards blanketing, at 16½d. and do.	112 18 10	
25 dozen hats, at 15s. at 20s.; 25 dozen handkerchiefs, at 16s.	-	40 1 6
5 boxes soap, 5 ditto candles, and 2 fir- kins tallow	-	24 13 6
Charges on the above	-	44 4 7
Freight on ditto	-	140 18 7
Insurance on ditto	-	96 4 5
		281 7 7
		1403 14 9
Deduct bounty received on linens	-	29 14 3
		1374 0 6

*Irish provisions; viz.*

Irish.

18 barrels melfs beef, at 94s.	} amounting with charges, per in- voice, to sterling	153 9 0
10 ditto ditto pork, at 76s.		
4 ditto cargo ditto, at 72s.		
7 firkins butter, 3cut. 3q. 20lb. at 76s.		
Cost of herrings shipped at Glasgow	297 1 0	
Ditto of 10 more barrels of pork, shipped in London	-	47 11 5
Insurance on the herrings, and on provisions	80 4 10	578 6 3

H. C. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court estate; viz.  
S. P.

Amount of iron work	-	62 0 6
Ditto of general plantation stores	-	273 14 8
2377 yards oznaburgs, at 8½d. and 9¼d. and packages	77 11 1	
30 dozen handkerchiefs, at 12s. and ditto	17 10 0	
32 dozen hats, at 12s. and 15s. and ditto	25 6 0	
4 boxes candles, 3 ditto soap, and 2 firkins tallow	-	19 6 2
Charges	-	22 0 8
Freight	-	57 9 5

Insurance

Insurance

£. s. d. £. s. d.  
47 9 0 — 127 19 1

601 7 6 £. s. d.  
18 1 6 — 583 6 0

Deduct bounty received on 2917 yards linen

*Irish provisions; viz.*

4 barrels beef, at 94s.  
2 half ditto, at 48s. 6d.  
2 ditto pork, at 38s. 6d.  
5 barrels hogs cheeks, at 54s.  
1 half ditto tongues, at 75s.  
8 firkins butter, 4cwt. 1q. 22lb. at 76s.

amounting, with charges,  
to sterling 62 15 11

Cost of herrings, shipped in Glasgow

104 16 6

Insurance on ditto, and on provisions

25 16 0 — 193 8 5 — 776 14 5

Total

6608 3 7

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H. For the following; this mark, for Holland plantation; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792 - 181 9 0  
Do. of general plantation stores, including stills and coals 1075 15 14  
4330 yds. oznaburghs, at 9d. per yard, and packages 170 12 10  
458 yards linens, at 15d. and 2s. 6d. and ditto 254 15 0  
458 yards blanketing, at 2s. 10d. and ditto 217 4 0  
44 dozen hats, at 18s. and 25s. and ditto 61 1 6  
30 doz. handkerchiefs, at 13s. and 16s. and ditto 20 5 0  
4 boxes soap, 2cwt. at 72s. and ditto 7 10 0  
4 ditto candles, 20 dozen, at 12s. 4d. and ditto 12 15 8  
4 firkins tallow, 2cwt. at 78s. and ditto 8 0 0  
Charges on the above - 64 17 5  
Freight on ditto - 174 12 9  
Insurance on ditto - 157 14 1 — 597 4 3

2211 12 7

Deduct bounty received on linens

27 6 6 — 2184 6 1

*Irish provisions; viz.*

Irish. Sterling.

10 barrels mefs beef, at 103s. 51 10 0  
10 ditto pork, at 86s. 43 0 0  
4 ditto hogs cheeks, at 70s. 14 0 0  
4 half barrels tongues, at 77s. 15 8 0  
7 firkins butter, 3cwt. 3q. 22lb. at 84s. 16 11 6

140 9 6

Charges

11 3 1

151 12 7 is 142 7 6

Cost of 10 barrels herrings, from Glasgow

260 1 0

Insurance on ditto, 35l. 2s. 6d. and on pro-

visions, 13l. 16s. 5d.

68 18 11 — 471 7 5 — 2655 13 6

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T.  
S. I.

T.  
S. I. For the following; this mark for Lyffon's plantation; viz.

	£.	s.	d.
Amount of iron work, as above	-	-	171 12 8
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	-	-	784 2 5
2065 yards oznaburgs, 1646 ditto blanketing, 438 ditto linen, at the above prices, amounting to	-	-	232 7 2
28 dozen handkerchiefs, and 36 dozen hats, ditto	-	-	68 6 0
3 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, and 4 firkins tallow	-	-	31 19 2
Charges, 51 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> and freight, 215 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	266	18	8
Insurance	-	-	115 13 8—382 12 4
			1670 19 9
Deduct bounty received on linens	-	-	12 16 2—1658 3 7

*Irish provisions; viz.*

Irish.			
12 barrels mefs beef, at 103 <i>s.</i>	}	amounting, with charges, to sterl.	191 3 6
12 ditto pork, at 86 <i>s.</i>			
12 ditto hogs cheeks, at 70 <i>s.</i>			
4 half barrels tongues, at 77 <i>s.</i>			
6 firkins butter, 3 <i>cwt.</i> 1 <i>q.</i> 12 <i>lb.</i> at 84 <i>s.</i>			
Insurance on ditto			11 15 0—202 18 6—1861 2 1

L.  
S. T. For the following; this mark, for Llanrumney estate; viz.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792	-	298	8	7
Ditto of plantation stores, ditto	-	330	4	2
4270 yards oznaburgs, at 9 <i>d.</i> and packages	-	173	16	9
531 yards linens, at 14 <i>d.</i> to 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> and ditto	-	47	0	11
2136 yards blanketing, at 16½ <i>d.</i> per yard and ditto	-	154	9	0
48 dozen hats, at 13 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 30 <i>s.</i> and ditto	-	46	12	11
46 dozen handkerchiefs, at 9 <i>s.</i> to 19 <i>s.</i> and ditto	-	30	4	6
3 boxes soap, 1½ <i>cwt.</i> at 74 <i>s.</i> and ditto	-	5	15	0
9 ditto candles, 39 dozen, at 11 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i> to 12 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> ditto	-	23	9	0
2 kegs tallow, 1 <i>cwt.</i> 0 <i>q.</i> 11 <i>lb.</i> at 80 <i>s.</i>	-	5	6	2
Charges on the above	-	47	1	6
Freight on ditto	-	115	0	9
Insurance on ditto	-	95	0	0—257 2 3
		1372	9	3
Deduct bounty received on linens	-	27	12	1—1344 17 2

Irish provisions captured

Cost of barrels herrings, from Glasgow

Insurance on the herrings

Commissions on ditto, and on provisions

H. C.  
S. T. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court estate; viz.

Amount of iron work	-	132	5	0
Ditto of general plantation stores	-	167	15	4
2885 yards oznaburgs, at per yard, and packages	-	116	10	8

	£.	s.	d.
1525 yards blanketing, at 16½d. and packages	106	11	3
195 yards linen, at 15d. to 2s. 6d. and ditto	16	16	1
15 dozen handkerchiefs, at 9s. and ditto	6	15	0
32 dozen hats, at 13s. 6d. to 32s. 6d. and ditto	31	8	0
3 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, and 3 firkins tallow	22	12	2
Charges	26	2	1
Freight	66	5	6
Insurance	51	13	3

744 14 4    £. s. d.  
18 6 6 — 726 7 10

Deduct bounty received on linens

*Amount of provisions, viz.*

Cost of herrings, shipped at Glasgow, per Elizabeth	30	10	0
Ditto of ditto ditto per Alexander	30	10	0
Ditto of ditto ditto per Hero	93	0	9
Ditto of ditto ditto per George	93	0	9
Cost of provisions from Cork per —	74	0	8
Insurance on ditto, and on herrings	14	3	0
Commissions on ditto	6	15	3

Total

7496 14 8

Cost of coals shipped by fundry vessels in 1796, <sup>H.C.</sup><sub>S. T.</sub> } amounting to

191 7 9

omitted to be included in that estate's account.

7688 2 5

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H. For the following; this mark for Holland estate; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792	410	7	9
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto	667	15	6
4332 yards oznaburghs, at 8½d. and packages	167	9	3
442 yards linens, at 15½d. to 2s. 6d. and ditto	33	2	11
1787 yards blanketing at 15d. to 2s. 10d. and ditto	211	15	5
43 dozen hats, at 13s. 6d. to 32s. 6d. and ditto	51	4	8
30 dozen handkerchiefs, at 14s. 6d. to 16s. and ditto	21	15	0
5 boxes soap, 2½cwt. at 71s. and 1 firkin soft do. at 38s.	11	3	0
5 boxes candles, 25 dozen, at 11s. 3d. and boxes	14	12	6
4 firkins tallow, 2cwt. at 72s. and firkins	7	8	0
Charges on the above	46	17	3
Freight	144	12	1
Insurance on ditto	146	19	0

1935 2 4

Deduct bounty received on oznaburghs

27 7 0 — 1907 5 4

N. B. No Irish provisions this year.

Cost of bls. herrings, per Peggy, from Glasgow

136 4 4

Insurance on ditto

13 12 0 — 149 16 4 — 2057 11 8

T.  
S. I.

T.  
S. I. For the following; this mark for Lyffon's estate; viz.

	£	s.	d.	
Amount of iron work	94	19	4	
Ditto of general plantation stores	370	4	1	
3066 yards oznaburgs, at 8½d. and packages	114	1	11	
1007 yards blanketing; at 22d. and ditto	139	1	2	
34 dozen hats, at 13s. 6d. to 32s. 6d. and ditto	42	10	0	
3 boxes soap, 3cwt. at 71s. and boxes 2s. 6d.	11	0	6	
4 ditto candles, 20 dozen, at 11s. 3d. and ditto	11	14	0	
2 firkins tallow, 1cwt. at 72s.	3	14	0	
Charges	28	8	4	
Freight	76	19	0	
Insurance	118	0	0	223 7 4
	1010	12	4	£. s. d.
Deduct bounty received on 3066 yards oznaburgs	19	0	3	991 12 1
Cost of barrels herrings, shipped at Glasgow, per ship 'Peggy	112	2	2	
Ditto of insurance on ditto	11	7	6	£. s. d.
Commissions on ditto	2	5	0	125 14 8—1117 6 9

There were no Irish provisions, this year, for Lyffon's.

Remark.—The Irish provisions for Holland and Lyffon's were captured (late in this year) per the Eagle—re-captured early in 1798—and with the supplies of that year, will be charged.

L.  
S. I. For the following; this mark for Llanrumney plantation; viz.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792,	239	11	6	
Ditto of general plantation stores	252	9	4	
5475 yards oznaburgs, at 9d. and packages	214	0	5	
556 yards linens, at 14d½. and 2s. 6d. and ditto	58	11	4	
2294 yards blanketing, at 16½d. and ditto	165	10	6	
38 dozen hats, at 13s. 6d. and 32s. 6d. per doz. and ditto	54	3	6	
48 dozen handkerchiefs, at 9s. 9d. to 22s. and ditto	32	1	6	
3 boxes soap, 3½cwt. at 73s. and boxes	13	12	6	
5 ditto candles, 27 dozen, at 11s. 4d. to 12s. and ditto	16	7	8	
4 firkins butter, 2cwt. at 72s. and firkins	17	8	0	
Charges	49	11	3	
Freight	108	13	6	
Insurance	151	14	6	209 19 3
	1363	15	6	
Deduct bounty received on linens	32	11	0	1331 4 6

Irish provisions; viz.

10 half barrels melfs beef, at 108. Irish	} amounting, with charges, to
6½ ditto ditto pork, at 100s.	
6 barrels cargo ditto, at 88s.	
2 half barrels tongues at 85s.	
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 12. 9½s. at 83.	
	Sterling 157 18 2

Cost

Cost of barrels herrings from Glasgow	£. s. d.	447	7	5	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	2047	9	7
Insurance on ditto, and on provisions		110	19	6	—	716	5	1	—

H. C. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court plantation; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of iron work		89	7	6
Ditto of general plantation stores		293	14	1
2886 yards oznaburgs, at 9d. and packages		122	13	9
1006 yards blanketing, at 16½d. and ditto		69	3	3
71 yards linen, at 15d. and ditto		5	13	6
36 dozen hats, and 32 dozen handkerchiefs, same price as above		57	5	6
3 boxes soap, 3 ditto candles, and 2 firkins tallow, ditto		17	16	6
Charges	28	7	5	
Freight	107	10	0	
Insurance	99	3	0	—
		235	0	5

Deduct bounty received on linens		890	14	6	£. s. d.	872	9	11
		18	4	7	—			

Cost of herrings shipped from Glasgow		126	10	7
Ditto of provisions from Cork		68	1	6
Insurance on the above		27	19	3
		222	1	4

Costs of coals per the Hibberts, omitted		1094	11	3
		48	4	4
		1142	15	7

Total 6354 13 7

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H. For the following; this mark for Holland plantation; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of iron work, as described in 1792		897	10	0
Ditto of general plantation stores, ditto		570	18	4
4336 yards oznaburgs, at 8½d. per yard, and packages		184	12	0
583 yards linens, at 17d. to 2s. 6d. and ditto		46	18	3
1728 yards blanketing, at 19d. to 21d. and do.		150	7	2
43 dozen hats, at 14s. 16s. and 19s. and ditto		38	0	0
30 dozen handkerchiefs, at 13s. 6d. and ditto		20	19	0
5 boxes soap, 5 cwt. at 78s. and 1 firkin soft ditto, at 32s. 6d.		17	0	11
5 ditto candles, 20s. at 10s. and boxes		11	0	3
4 kegs tallow, cwt. at 72s. and kegs		7	4	0
Charges	42	10	0	
Freight	171	12	6	
Insurance	147	2	0	—
		361	4	6
		2335	14	5

Bounty on linens deducted in invoice.

Irish provisions; viz.

19 barrels melfs beef, at 125s. to 142s. Irish	} amounting, with all charges, to Sterling	350	10	4
15 ditto ditto pork, at 105s.				
8 half-barrels tongues, at 93s.				
8 barrels hogs checks, at 80s.				
14 firkins butter, 7cwt. 37. 16lb. at 84s.				

Cost

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Amount of iron work,	-	-	250	14	5
Ditto of general plantation stores	-	-	524	10	0
3043 yards oznaburgs, at 8½ <i>d.</i> and packages	-	-	183	11	10
825 yards blanketing, at 16½ <i>d.</i> and ditto	-	-	57	12	6
30 dozen hats, and 36 dozen handkerchiefs	-	-	45	18	11
3 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, and 4 kegs tallow	-	-	26	14	1
120 barrels herrings	-	-	144	18	4
Charges	-	27	0	8	
Freight	-	182	16	1	
Insurance	-	172	11	10	
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10 barrels beef, at 142s.	-	71	3	4
8 ditto pork, at 105s.	-	42	0	0
8 ditto pigs heads, at 65s.	-	26	0	0
6 firkins butter, 3cwt. 2q. 12lb. at 82s.		15	3	9

Sterling.

S. T. For the following; this mark for Llanrumney estate; viz.

Amount of iron work	-	-	-	188	0	8
Ditto of general stores	-	-	-	627	1	9
5210 yards oznaburgs, at $8\frac{1}{2}d.$ and packing				194	13	2
450 yards linens, at $15d.$ to $2s. 10d.$ and ditto	-			41	0	1
1544 yards blanketing, at $21d.$ to $2s. 5d.$ and ditto				159	16	10
34 dozen hats, and 50 doz. handkerchiefs, and ditto				77	17	6
5 casks soap, 8 boxes candles, 2 kegs tallow				38	6	7
Charges	-	-	47	18	2	
Freight	-	-	124	1	3	
Insurance	-	-	166	19	5	
				538	18	10

Deduct bounty received on lings

*Provisions.*

Cost of 200 barrels herrings, with freight and charges

Insurance

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Insurance on herrings, 59 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> and on provisions, 26 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i>	85	18	4	—	657	9	0	—	2290	9	3

H. C. For the following; this mark for Haughton-Court; viz.  
S. T.

Amount of iron-work	-	-	111	6	0
Ditto of general stores	-	-	295	14	5
2884 yards oznaburgs, at 8½ <i>d.</i> and packages			108	9	2
1529 yards blanketing, at 21 <i>d.</i> and ditto	-		144	11	7
32 dozen hats, and 32 dozen handkerchiefs, as above			53	7	0
3 boxes soap, 4 ditto candles, 4 kegs tallow			30	9	7
Charges	-	39	12	6	
Freight	-	-	105	6	6
Insurance	-	-	104	12	3

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Deduct bounty received on oznaburgs - 17 13 5— 966 15 7

Provisions.

4 barrels beef, at 142 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>	} amounting with all charges, to Sterling	82	12	5
2 ditto pork, at 105 <i>s.</i>				
2 half ditto tongues, at 93 <i>s.</i>				
5 barrels pigs cheeks, at 65 <i>s.</i>				
8 firkins butter, 4 <i>cwt.</i> 22 <i>lb.</i> at 82 <i>s.</i>				

Cost of 120 barrels herrings, from Glasgow 195 18 4

Insurance on ditto, 33 <i>l.</i> 19 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i> and on provisions, 9 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> 11 <i>d.</i>	43	0	0	—	321	10	9	—	1288	6	4
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Total	-	-	-	-	8444	4	5
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Name	Sex	Age	Gr of amt of f. fee.		Duties paid at the king's beam.		Amount of freight.		Sufferers and other incidental charges.		Rate of freight.	Weight at the king's beam.	Lbs of residue on which duty is payable.	Amount of insurance.		Total from the year's trading, &c. the ship put to sea.															
			£.	s.	£.	s.	£.	s.	£.	s.				£.	s.																
1792.																															
per Lord Rodney, Raffles	M.	50	2375	15	3	495	18	4	133	6	10	94	14	94	0	0	1633	14	4												
per Captain Plunter, Johnston	M.	20	995	17	6	216	13	9	57	17	8	30	12	74	0	1	632	15	0												
per Winchell, Bruce	M.	20	944	3	8	214	4	0	59	15	9	38	12	84	0	0	632	15	0												
per Atalanta, Renwick	M.	90	4925	11	7	1073	10	3	287	12	1	202	18	14	0	0	3268	4	3												
per Willman, Her	M.	55	2900	9	1	606	7	0	161	13	10	119	1	54	0	0	1903	4	4												
per Humphreys, Ayton	M.	75	3923	17	10	818	0	4	218	2	9	156	8	114	0	0	2653	3	10												
per Mrs. Pin	M.	10	3520	10	4	110	17	3	29	11	3	21	18	114	0	0	343	15	11												
per Almina, Cook	M.	10	1031	14	4	208	3	6	55	10	3	43	12	54	0	0	703	1	2												
per Pine George, Bayly	M.	60	2590	1	4	537	8	6	143	6	2	103	8	114	0	0	1763	10	9												
per Gaurous Plunter, Johnston	M.	30	1403	10	3	316	13	9	81	7	4	57	13	104	0	0	922	14	7												
per Charlotte, Howes	M.	30	1409	0	4	316	13	9	81	7	4	57	13	104	0	0	922	14	7												
per Henry, Wilson	M.	30	1354	5	7	365	5	0	81	8	11	57	12	114	0	0	885	2	8												
per Hercules, Everitt	M.	45	2247	9	7	463	1	0	126	0	10	70	8	114	0	0	1383	13	3												
per Atalanta, Renwick	M.	35	1832	10	5	371	17	0	90	3	3	76	19	04	0	0	1252	8	2												
per Jupiter, Fullerton	M.	50	2287	17	7	517	9	4	137	19	16	103	2	74	0	0	1456	18	13												
per Elizabeth, Sims	M.	15	687	8	3	151	8	8	41	2	1	21	11	34	0	0	466	2	1												
per Adamant, Cook	M.	55	2620	6	9	576	10	0	153	4	8	114	3	114	0	0	1725	14	1												
per Canada, Sewell	M.	18	740	13	8	172	17	8	46	2	1	31	10	114	0	0	460	17	4												
per Little June, Morison	M.	30	2093	14	0	475	18	6	126	18	3	81	12	54	0	0	1306	18	0												
per Reward, Leach	M.	50	2876	19	6	637	2	6	169	18	0	111	16	04	0	0	1912	16	0												
per Commerce, Oughton	M.	10	618	10	6	135	4	0	36	1	3	23	10	24	0	0	414	7	6												
per West-Indian, Duke	M.	15	876	18	2	195	4	9	52	1	3	33	7	84	0	0	582	7	1												
per S. Mary's Planter, Storey	M.	35	2022	12	11	438	11	6	116	19	1	82	15	94	0	0	1352	5	1												
per Prince of Wales, Cunningham	M.	35	1790	8	4	418	13	4	111	12	10	72	10	14	0	0	1161	18	7												
per St. John, Laird	M.	15	797	18	6	169	2	6	45	2	0	32	2	104	0	0	525	14	2												
per Ranger, Currie	M.	18	942	12	5	202	16	6	54	2	0	38	4	44	0	0	559	11	10												
per Monmouth, Aiken	M.	30	1347	15	9	308	1	4	82	3	0	54	4	44	0	0	879	0	1												
per Joins, Gill	M.	10	482	16	7	106	8	2	28	7	6	19	6	34	0	0	319	7	8												
per Harvey's Defire, Wilkinfon	M.	10	487	12	3	104	19	0	27	19	9	20	4	14	0	0	325	2	5												
per Rochampton, Miller	M.	10	445	17	8	97	10	1	26	0	0	19	1	64	0	0	293	19	1												
per West-Indian, Chitholm	M.	25	638	18	3	142	2	10	37	18	1	35	2	04	0	0	400	18	4												
per Carlyle, Brydon	M.	5	225	4	2	51	18	4	13	16	11	10	0	114	0	0	144	11	0												
per Duchefs of Portland, Lamb	M.	4	189	17	0	42	16	0	11	3	13	8	2	104	0	0	123	10	11												
per Mary, Douglas	M.	5	225	5	10	52	11	6	14	0	5	9	17	14	0	0	143	19	10												
per Aurora, Campbell	M.	10	477	0	0	102	9	6	27	6	6	16	6	84	0	0	319	8	10												
per Simon Taylor, Baker	M.	10	455	1	3	99	19	1	27	2	9	13	8	54	0	0	368	14	0												
			1034	16	51632	5	11	11272	4	0	3009	5	2	2093	5	10	15022	0	13	50	3	0	35257	10	11	1095	6	6	34162	4	5

Return premium for short interest on the Little Jane, and for sailing after 12th January, amounting to

Account sales of sugar shipped by the honourable Simon Taylor, Esquire; &c.

Crop 1793.									
H. per	S. T.	Head	Value	Duties paid at the king's beam	Amount of freight.	Quantity and value of other incident charges.	Weight at the king's beam.	Net proceeds	Amount of the difference at the disposal of the planter.
L. s. d.									
50	2139 19 0	50	528 2 9	193 12 6	94 13 7	6 704 0 19	1 0 21	1323 10 2	6 1195 10 8
25	1016 16 1	25	255 2 0	93 10 7	44 17 0	6 340 0 12	1 1 10	622 15 6	6 558 12 0
20	854 11 6	20	406 11 3	75 14 9	37 2 0	6 275 1 18	0 0 0	555 3 6	6 483 16 6
25	1100 7 6	25	266 6 4	97 13 0	48 11 8	6 335 5 10	0 0 0	637 16 6	6 635 10 4
25	1091 16 11	25	268 7 8	98 8 1	47 2 3	6 337 5 10	0 0 0	677 18 11	6 618 12 9
90	4004 14 6	90	982 15 3	360 6 10	197 0 9	6 1310 1 10	7 3 18	2474 11 8	6 2236 10 0
25	1095 8 5	25	254 1 9	93 3 2	51 9 2	6 338 3 3	1 2 25	636 14 4	6 637 9 10
40	1610 2 7	40	398 5 11	159 6 5	77 9 6	6 531 0 7	0 0 0	975 0 8	6 856 11 9
25	1157 9 5	25	240 8 3	96 3 4	51 6 2	6 330 2 6	3 1 21	769 11 8	6 769 11 8
50	2172 1 7	50	537 18 0	215 3 4	106 11 8	6 717 0 8	1 12 13	1312 5 10	6 1104 0 10
60	2451 15 5	60	656 1 6	349 13 1	108 18 6	6 874 3 1	0 1 18	1335 17 4	6 1224 15 10
54	1208 1 8	54	307 0 6	112 11 6	53 2 1	6 409 1 12	6 2 15	735 7 7	6 664 7 7
30	1267 1 10	30	204 0 9	107 16 3	58 15 1	6 392 0 6	2 0 20	846 8 11	6 735 8 11
30	1212 5 10	30	294 13 6	108 0 9	52 18 8	6 392 5 14	1 3 7	756 12 11	6 685 12 11
30	1223 14 11	30	290 6 6	106 9 1	57 19 11	6 387 0 11	7 1 23	768 19 5	6 697 19 5
30	1300 19 1	30	298 2 1	110 13 1	42 2 7	6 394 0 25	1 1 91	850 1 4	6 815 6 7
30	1468 19 1	30	332 16 10	134 8 2	50 10 10	6 440 2 4	0 0 0	911 3 3	6 916 8 6
50	2208 18 11	50	531 18 0	213 17 2	100 4 1	6 713 0 22	0 0 0	1419 16 10	6 1331 9 10
20	801 1 0	20	202 1 9	80 16 8	40 6 6	6 209 1 22	1 2 4	477 16 1	6 430 7 1
20	620 3 7	20	204 17 0	109 5 0	29 16 3	6 273 0 15	3 1 27	276 5 4	6 172 2 10
9	3770 3 0	9	925 19 6	339 10 6	162 8 2	6 1234 2 7	0 0 0	2312 4 10	6 2153 4 10
40	2063 12 11	40	482 18 0	193 0 0	87 17 9	6 643 1 10	0 0 0	1350 5 2	6 1285 9 2
70	1647 0 4	70	464 12 9	247 16 1	72 8 10	6 619 2 2	9 2 9	862 2 8	6 754 14 8
40	1161 9 1	40	292 0 6	116 16 2	52 10 2	6 389 1 12	2 0 23	700 2 3	6 629 2 3
15	576 13 6	15	154 13 7	61 17 0	31 15 3	6 266 0 27	0 1 10	318 4 2	6 292 10 8
20	837 18 2	20	210 5 9	84 2 3	41 3 6	6 280 1 14	1 0 8	502 7 2	6 454 16 2
10	378 0 0	10	99 12 6	36 16 11	17 2 0	6 132 3 9	0 0 0	221 18 4	6 198 0 4
37	1630 15 10	37	397 3 8	158 17 3	72 19 4	6 529 2 9	0 0 0	1027 15 7	6 912 19 7
15	437 0 4	15	100 18 6	40 14 4	14 3 2	6 133 0 26	0 3 6	281 4 4	6 269 4 11
10	1133 10 42	10	1048 0 14	419 10 6	1903 10 7	6 12655 3 18	63 3 9	2621 3 4	6 1123530 8 5

Particular average recovered on 1000l. insurance on 50 hogheads S. T. H. C. per Lord Rodney

Ditto recovered on 500l. insured on sugars S. T. H. C. per West-Indian

Remark. All returns of premium, on the above insurances, are not accounted for until 30th April, 1794.

The total loss on 54 hogheads S. T. and 9 hogheads S. I. T. sugars, per Ludlow, M'Lure, and on 70 hogheads S. T. sugar, per Sally Blackwell.

The total loss on 15 hogheads S. T. H. C. sugar, per Friendship, Leffie, is accounted for on 30th April, 1794.

Account sales of sugars shipped by the honorable Simon Taylor, Esquire; &c.			Sugar	Gross amount of sales.	Duties paid at the king's beam.	Amount of freight.	Cullinary and other incidental charges.	Keight at the king's beam.	Loft of twigs, in which duty is paid.	Net proceeds.	Amount of insurance.	Real sum in the factor's hands, at the disposal of the planter.
			Hhd.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.
H. per Winchester, Bruce			35	1230 14 11	382 17 7	204 4 2	50 6 08	510 2 2	0 0 0	534 7 2	92 1 0	492 6 2
S. T. Generous Planter, Johnston			42	1175 16 6	275 11 6	145 19 5	50 12 108	367 1 2	0 0 0	702 12 9	105 3 0	597 9 9
Alston, Renwick			95 10	3093 3 8	979 13 9	522 10 0	150 12 108	1306 1 0	4 2 16	1445 7 1	256 1 0	1190 6 1
Lord Rodney, Rasles			100	3235 11 3	1645 15 5	557 14 10	156 1 108	1334 1 12	5 0 3	1475 19 2	252 12 0	1213 7 2
Hebe, Aytton			100	3711 6 2	1026 8 3	615 16 11	177 10 9	1358 2 3	0 0 0	1951 10 3	430 12 0	1520 18 3
Duckenfield-Hall, Nockels			30	1105 17 6	335 15 12	201 9 6	51 8 103	447 2 25	0 0 0	517 3 4	0 0 0	517 3 4
Jupiter, Carr			37	1752 16 8	382 13 4	239 12 3	73 19 27	510 1 0	0 1 26	1065 11 6	143 18 2	922 13 4
S. T. per Prince George, Bayley			50	1726 3 10	540 18 0	288 9 7	79 17 113	721 0 22	0 0 0	816 18 4	131 7 0	685 11 4
Charlotte, Howes			5	1811 3 7	539 5 9	287 12 3	85 7 113	719 0 4	5 3 14	803 17 8	131 7 0	767 10 8
Generous Planter, Johnston			5	1681 7 11	518 2 0	276 6 4	81 4 58	690 3 5	3 2 8	805 15 2	131 7 0	674 8 2
Simon Taylor, Watt			30	1030 6 8	310 8 6	165 11 2	51 11 28	413 3 17	1 3 2	502 15 12	66 7 0	435 8 10
Elizabeth, Sims			3	1250 9 2	329 0 1	197 17 7	44 3 09	434 2 27	7 1 18	679 8 6	39 4 0	640 4 6
Hercules, Everitt			30	1242 7 11	324 2 1	195 0 7	42 14 37	428 1 16	2 1 12	680 11 0	39 4 0	641 7 0
Orient, Cook			35	1405 2 6	380 12 0	228 7 1	63 0 87	507 1 23	0 0 0	733 2 9	136 3 0	596 19 9
Jupiter, Carr			72	3583 2 5	769 8 1	461 12 10	150 4 109	1015 3 14	0 0 0	2201 16 8	279 19 2	1921 17 6
S. T. per Reward, Leach			6	1962 12 7	611 17 9	326 6 9	90 13 53	815 3 11	9 3 5	933 14 10	181 0 0	749 14 10
West-Indian, Duke			5	1863 19 4	478 16 10	287 6 1	87 10 27	638 1 23	8 0 0	1010 6 3	131 7 0	878 19 3
Planter, Storey			100	1587 6 9	493 9 7	263 3 9	80 11 113	657 3 25	4 3 10	750 1 6	333 12 0	602 15 1
H. C. per Hibberts, Chisholm			56	1546 4 11	526 6 6	280 14 1	74 13 98	701 3 2	0 0 0	664 10 7	131 7 0	533 3 7
S. T. London, Adams			50	317 2 1	102 17 3	54 17 1	15 10 03	137 0 16	0 0 0	143 8 3	26 11 0	117 7 3
Neill Malcolm, Gill			1	327 11 1	103 9 1	55 3 6	15 19 58	137 3 20	1 1 23	152 19 1	26 11 0	126 8 1
Alligator, Curling			10	366 7 11	104 14 1	62 16 5	13 3 69	139 2 11	0 0 3	180 13 11	43 7 0	137 6 11
Adventure, Lamb			10	419 2 3	116 12 11	69 19 9	14 6 119	153 2 22	0 0 0	218 2 8	17 8 0	200 14 8
Simon Taylor, Baker			11	1136 10 10	3749 18 1	10678 16 7	5379 11 11	14228 3 15	55 1 0	19118 4 3	3341 14 9	16165 1 6
Return premium for 300l. short interest of H. C. per Julius Caesar											19 10 0	
Ditto for convoy, and sailing, on 1000l. insurance on s. t. sugar, per Royal Charlotte											80 0 0	
Ditto ditto on 300l. ditto on ditto, per ditto											72 0 0	
Ditto ditto on 1200l. ditto on s. t. sugars, per Nereus											36 0 0	
Ditto ditto on 600l. ditto on s. t. sugars, per Royal Charlotte											48 0 0	
Total loss recovered on 450l. insured on 15 hogheads s. t. sugars, per Friendship, Leslie											438 15 0	
Return for 100l. short interest of H. C. per George											6 10 0	
N. B. The total loss on 100 hogheads s. t. sugars, per ship Planter, captain Storey, will be accounted for in 1795.												16865 16 6

Account sales of sugar shipped by the honorable Simon Taylor, Esquire; &c.

Sugar	What	Gross amount of sales.		Duties paid at the king's beam.		Amount of freight.		Carriage and other incidental charges.		Weight at the king's beam.		Loss of weight, on which duty has been paid.		Net proceed.		Amount of in service.		Net sum, in the £, s. d. hand, at the d. of the year.	
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	£.	s.	£.	s.
H. S.T.	Crop 1795.																		
	per Duckenfield-Hall, Nockels	20	1046	15	8	208	8	9	125	1	4	41	3	11	9	0	0	0	0
	Lord Rodney, Raffles	70	3651	2	6	751	13	0	450	19	9	148	0	11	9	0	25	611	9
	Generous Planter, Johnston	60	3187	10	10	615	9	9	369	5	10	132	5	9	0	3	24	2098	19
	Albion, Renwick	92	5474	11	11	1018	0	3	610	16	1	224	16	11	9	0	0	1889	4
	Winchester, Bruce	19	1042	14	9	194	5	0	116	10	11	40	14	9	0	0	26	3327	10
	Columbine, Harrison	50	2826	4	10	515	18	6	309	11	0	114	14	10	9	0	23	2	4
	Henry, Johnstone	70	2803	18	11	559	17	6	335	18	5	111	7	10	9	0	0	6	3
	per Prince George, Bivley	50	3657	11	7	705	15	3	423	8	2	154	3	2	9	0	0	1645	10
	Lord Rodney, Raffles	70	3205	2	2	614	1	0	368	8	6	136	2	9	9	0	14	2102	14
T. S.T.	Generous Planter, Johnston	60	2898	6	8	541	15	6	325	1	4	122	15	10	9	0	0	1901	18
	Charlotte, Hoves	50	3430	3	10	642	6	9	385	8	1	143	1	0	9	0	0	1754	5
	Albion, Renwick	60	517	14	1	105	17	11	63	10	9	15	3	0	9	0	0	2074	10
	Henry, Johnston	30	3309	14	5	696	18	6	418	3	1	141	5	0	9	0	0	314	18
	Ann, Bihmo	10	1547	6	0	315	7	9	189	4	8	63	8	8	9	0	0	2241	18
	per Reward, Leach	70	2675	3	11	506	16	9	324	1	11	109	2	4	9	0	0	883	10
	Kingston, Bowen	30	3067	13	3	583	0	7	348	0	4	125	17	10	9	0	0	1588	5
	Friendship, Hullah	50	750	7	4	140	0	0	83	19	11	31	2	8	9	0	0	1449	7
	West-Indian, Duke	15	924	14	6	197	0	10	118	4	6	38	5	10	9	0	0	354	1
	Devonshire, Dickson	15	402	7	8	87	5	0	52	6	11	17	11	0	0	0	0	510	11
H.C. S.T.	Lady Penrhyn, Findlay	20	1786	13	5	351	19	3	211	3	7	71	4	11	9	0	0	217	7
	per Carlyle, McArthur	10	1266	9	9	245	0	10	147	0	6	51	0	0	9	0	0	970	18
	Harvey's Defr, Eilbeck	60	495	18	8	94	14	0	56	16	5	20	12	4	9	0	0	750	9
	Hilberts, Chisholm	23	783	14	3	149	5	6	89	11	3	32	9	2	9	0	0	293	6
	Neill Malcolm, Gill	10	596	6	5	112	13	7	67	12	1	18	2	6	9	0	0	470	13
	Alligator, Curling	10																379	14
	Jessie, Bryden	15																	
	Suffex, Addis	10																	
	Simon Taylor, Baker																		
		1107	105	1558	7	4	9950	11	9570	6	4	2104	12	6				29634	0

Total loss recovered on 1620L. insured on 54 hogheads S.T. sugar, per Ludlow captain McLure, in 1793

1579 10 9

Ditto ditto on 2100L. ditto on 70 hogheads S.T. ditto, per Sally, captain Blackwell, in 1793

2047 10 0

Ditto ditto on 2000L. ditto on 100 hogheads do. ditto, per Planter, Storey, 1794

1950 0 0

Returns on premium recovered on particular averages and convoys on insurances made on produce S.T. and S.T. shipped in 1794, amount-

ing to

731 17 4

Total loss recovered on 270L. insured on 9 hogheads S.T. sugar, per Ludlow, captain McLure, in 1793

263 5 0

Return premiums recovered for convoy, on insurances made on produce S.T. shipped in 1794

460 8 0

Ditto ditto made on produce S.T. shipped in 1794

143 16 0

6976 6 4

3680 7 3

N. B. The total loss on 70 hogheads S.T. and 30 hogheads T. sugars, per the Henry, Johnston, are not accounted for until 1797.

The ditto on 15 hogheads S.T. per the Devonshire, and 10 hogheads S.T. sugar, per the Jessie, are accounted for in 1796.

Account sales of sugar shipped by the honourable Simon Taylor, Esquire; &c.

Account sales of sugar shipped by the ho- nourable Simon Taylor, Esquire; &c.										
	Hogs head weight.	Gross amount of sales.	Duties paid on the king's beam.	Net unit of sale.	Freight.	Currency and other incidental charges.	Net sum in the factor's hands, at the disposal of the owner.	Net proceeds.	Amount of interest.	
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
Crop 1796.										
L. per Reward, Leach	38	1996	5	11	391	11	8	234	19	0
S.T. per William and Henry, Duell	40	2329	16	9	486	11	3	255	4	0
H.C. per Fortitude, Robertson	14	818	19	7	169	17	6	87	7	3
S.T. per Mary, M <sup>r</sup> Arthur	20	980	13	6	202	13	0	121	11	9
Suffex, Addis	15	801	6	10	161	8	9	96	17	3
Neill Malcolm, Gill	24	1233	4	0	260	12	4	156	7	5
Francis and Eliza, Todd	71	3891	19	4	776	5	0	465	15	1
Simon Taylor, Summers	10	529	17	3	101	4	0	60	14	5
	232	12645	3	2	2550	3	6	1473	16	10
								3274	1	19
								208022	14	3
								1640	19	9
								6531	14	6

Total loss recovered on 52 3/4. insured on 15 hogheads L. sugars, per the Devonshire, Dickson, shipped in 1795

Returns of premiums and recapture salvage recovered on produce H. and S.T. shipped in 1795, amounting to

Ditto and ditto recovered on ditto S.T. shipped in 1795, amounting to

Total loss recovered on 300/. insured on 10 hogheads H.C. sugar, ditto

Returns of premiums and re-capture salvage recovered on produce H.C. ditto

9468 1 6

Account sales of sugar shipped by the honorable Simon Taylor, Esquire; &c.

Crop 1797.

H. per Winchester, Pondler  
S.T. Jupiter, Carr  
Reliance, Renwick  
Albion, Elliot  
Granville-Bay, Mann  
Norval, Aytton  
Peggy, Hanna  
Jupiter, Carr  
Prince George, Bayley  
L. per Reward, Leach  
S.T. West-Indian, Duke  
H.C. Hibberts, Chisholm  
S.T. Francis and Eliza, Todd  
Tyfon, M<sup>r</sup> Arthur  
George Briffett, Watt  
Simon Taylor, Sumners

Sugar.	Gr's amount of sales.	Duties paid at the king's beam.	Amount of freight.	Customary and other incidental charges.	Rate of freight.	Weight at the king's beam.	Loss of weight, on which duty has been paid.	Net proceeds.	Amount of interest.	Net sum in the factor's hands, the disposal of the sugar.
Hogsheads.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	s.	Cw. q. lbs.	C. q. lbs.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
30	1616 17 0	347 13 6	180 2 3	70 7 10	9	397 1 10	17 0 4	1018 13 5	133 13 6	884 19 11
50	2725 7 7	584 6 1	300 10 0	139 6 3	9	667 3 3	7 1 6	1701 5 3	245 12 6	1455 12 6
55	3513 17 5	734 16 0	377 18 0	150 8 9	9	839 3 3	5 1 2	2250 14 8	356 15 0	1893 19 0
50	3097 1 1	650 16 6	337 3 10	127 14 6	9	743 3 6	20 1 21	1931 6 3	222 15 0	1758 11 0
60	3366 15 5	690 10 1	356 8 5	151 0 6	9	789 0 15	20 0 11	2168 16 5	547 5 0	1621 11 0
169	9411 15 10	1884 8 6	961 15 3	380 8 4	9	2153 2 13	20 3 27	6185 3 9	1793 0 6	4392 3 3
10	556 8 4	112 19 7	58 2 8	21 16 7	9	129 0 13	0 1 24	363 10 2	38 3 0	325 7 6
70	4076 14 8	873 8 10	449 4 0	185 19 10	9	998 0 25	0 0 6	2568 2 0	343 17 6	2224 4 6
30	1588 11 0	348 14 6	180 12 11	72 3 10	9	398 2 2	7 3 26	986 19 9	133 13 6	853 0 0
60	2948 9 5	709 7 0	367 8 6	115 9 4	9	810 2 19	25 8 0	1756 4 7	267 4 6	1489 7 6
46	2467 16 1	555 0 9	277 13 6	115 1 10	9	634 1 6	8 0 10	1520 0 3	273 12 6	1246 6 6
50	2790 18 7	585 3 5	300 18 11	134 10 0	9	668 3 2	11 0 27	1770 6 3	324 7 6	1445 18 0
28	1580 11 6	341 1 6	175 8 3	70 6 9	9	389 3 6	4 2 0	993 13 8	181 14 6	812 0 6
20	1046 5 0	224 5 0	116 3 9	43 7 5	9	256 1 0	7 0 16	662 8 10	89 1 6	573 7 4
20	1029 8 3	221 4 2	114 12 10	49 6 7	9	252 3 7	9 1 21	644 4 8	89 1 6	555 3 2
10	543 16 4	115 6 3	59 5 7	15 17 11	9	130 0 8	1 1 12	353 6 7	29 5 9	324 0 10
758	2042360 13	63979 1 8	4613 8 0	1843 6 3	3	10259 3 26	167 1 1	126924 17 7	75069 3 3	21855 14 4

Loss recovered on 2450l. insured on 70 hogsheads S. T. sugar, per the Henry, in 1795, amounting to 2423 6 1

Returns of premiums recovered on produce S. T. and L. T. shipped in 1796, ditto 321 12 0

Loss recovered on 1050l. insured on 30 hogsheads S. T. sugar, per the Henry, in 1795, amounting to 1011 8 8

Returns of premiums recovered on produce S. T. H. C. shipped in 1796, ditto 241 12 1

4297 18 10  
26153 13 2

Account tales of Sugar Shipyard by the honorable Simon Taylor, esquire; &c.

Sugar.		Hegheads.		Tons.		Gross amount of sales.		Duties paid at the King's beam.		Amount of freights.		Customary and other incidental charges.		Rate of interest.		Weight at the King's beam.		Loss of weight on which duty was to be paid.		Net proceeds.		Amount of interest.		New sum in the future, & interest the difference of the two.		s. d.				
Crops 1798.																														
H.	per	Albion, Elliot	-	120	20	8	100	17	19	8	14	12	11	17	9	18	1	9	3	18	28	13	5	11	15	7	4272	15	7	
S. T.		Reliance Kenwick	-	102	25	8	100	1568	15	6	730	5	5	364	8	9	1622	3	8	24	0	21	4338	9	7	3556	17	1		
T.		Prince George, Bayley	-	20		16	120	257	17	11	120	1	2	62	2	9	266	3	5	5	3	23	746	3	9	619	8	9		
S. I.	per	Charlotte, Kent	-	30		4	175	374	4	0	175	2	7	89	1	9	399	0	19	9	0	14	1046	10	4	856	7	10		
L.		Prince George, Bayley	-	30		8	184	396	5	5	184	9	4	95	0	9	409	3	21	6	1	16	1103	6	5	190	2	6		
S. T.	per	Generous Planter, Johnston	-	50		19	316	380	10	3	177	7	5	130	8	9	393	2	15	9	1	23	1034	2	5	190	3	11		
S. T.		Neptune, Scrymger	-	50		18	302	679	12	3	316	16	2	126	10	9	703	0	5	2	0	3	1797	16	1	316	17	6		
		Reward, Leach	-	50		3	215	360	5	4	302	13	2	80	7	9	672	3	18	15	0	5	1804	17	6	380	5	0		
		James, Hulme	-	40		3	215	463	5	4	215	13	2	137	0	9	479	0	27	18	0	0	1206	1	2	145	8	6		
H. C.	per	Admiral Duncan, Walton	-	60		19	328	705	9	4	328	8	2	121	8	9	729	3	6	18	0	0	1776	14	6	435	17	6		
T.		Hibberts, Chapman	-	50		13	320	689	6	4	320	17	8	121	1	9	713	0	9	24	2	23	1712	8	0	380	5	0		
		Dædalus, Powles	-	20		4	310	666	6	10	310	3	11	147	4	9	689	1	8	7	3	15	1892	9	1	316	17	6		
		Tyson, McArthur	-	20		15	118	254	3	6	118	6	3	58	0	9	264	3	19	4	1	4	730	13	9	126	15	0		
		Simon Taylor, Smithers	-	10		3	62	134	13	6	62	12	7	17	1	9	137	2	1	0	3	2	366	15	6	19	15	0		
		West-Indian, Duke	-	31		10	192	413	18	10	192	13	9	93	14	2	428	0	21	5	1	25	1264	3	7	190	2	6		
		Neptune, Bradshaw	-	10		16	59	127	9	1	59	6	7	21	0	9	131	3	11	0	2	22	343	0	3	28	19	0		
			-	707	45	42272	13	109512	7	10	428	19	9	2049	18	7	9840	2	6	167	2	22	26281	7	6	4664	17	621616	10	0

Returns of premiums recovered on produce  
 H. and L. shipped in 1797, amounting to  
 S.T. and S.T.

Ditto recovered on ditto

Shipped in 1797; ditto

Ditto recovered on ditto

ditto . ditto

325 0 0— 2209 '6 0

810

325 0 0 2203 6 0

No.

23816 16 0

No. 4. (1). AN ACCOUNT *showing the progressive rise of the price of the several articles under-mentioned.*

Article.	1793.	1794.	1795.	1796.	1797.	1798.	1799.
Freights,	6s.	8s. 6d.	9s.	9s.	9s.	9s.	10s.
Post-Tax,	8s.	8s.	8s.	10s.	10s.	10s.	not yet laid.
Oxen fit for labour,	18s.	18s.	20s.	22s. 10s.	25s.	30s.	50s.
Day-labour,	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 11d.	3s. 4d.	3s. 4d.
Males,	28s.	28s.	30s.	30s.	32s. 10s.	35s.	45s.

No. 4. (2) AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES *of the following articles, imported from the British provinces, and the United States of America, taken from Taylor, Ballantine, and Fairlie; Ballantine, Fairlie, and company; and Ballantine, Dick, and company's books, from 1st January, 1792, to the 15th December, 1799.*

L U M B E R.												P R O V I S I O N S																										
Staves, per M.			Pitchpine, per M. feet.			Common, per M. feet.			Shingles, per M.			Flour, per barrel.			Bread, per ditto.			Corn-meal, per ditto.			Rice, per 100 lbs.			Corn, per bushel.			Peas, per ditto.			Salt fish, per 100 lbs.			Pickled fish, per barrel.			Pork, per barrel.		
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.			
92	8	0	0	7	11	5	9	2	6	1	17	11	1	18	9	0	19	2	1	5	1	0	0	4	4	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4	7	1	5	0	1	6	3	4	10	0	
93	13	10	0	10	5	0	10	0	2	0	0	2	10	0	1	6	8	1	10	1	15	0	4	4	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7	6	1	11	3	2	2	6	4	10	0		
94	15	10	0	13	0	0	15	0	0	2	5	7	2	7	6	1	10	0	1	10	2	6	8	5	10	7	6	1	9	2	1	17	6	4	5	0		
95	16	0	0	14	0	0	12	0	0	3	2	6	3	13	4	2	10	0	1	10	2	6	8	6	0	8	9	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1	3	2	5	7	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6	11	3	
96	16	0	0	14	0	0	11	0	0	2	17	6	3	16	8	2	5	0	2	10	2	6	8	9	7	11	3	1	17	6	2	3	4	6	10	0		
97	24	0	0	18	0	0	16	0	0	2	12	6	5	5	0	3	0	2	10	2	10	0	10	5	15	0	2	17	6	2	19	2	9	5	0	0		
98	27	0	0	22	10	0	21	5	0	3	10	0	4	1	8	2	2	6	2	0	1	10	0	7	6	8	4	1	8	9	2	11	3	6	0	0		
99	31	10	0	28	10	0	24	0	0	4	0	0	4	16	8	2	10	0	2	0	1	12	6	7	1	7	11	1	16	8	2	13	9	6	0	0		

No. 4. (3). AN ACCOUNT *of the prices of Irish provisions, at Cork, and other ports in Ireland, for the several years under-mentioned.*

Articles.	1792.	1793.	1794.	1795.	1796.	1797.	1798.	1799.
Herrings, per barrel.	22s. 9d.	24s.	24s.	26s.	28s.	30s.	35s.	32s. 6d.
Beef, ditto	62s. 6d.	72s.	90s.	94s.	103s.	108s.	142s.	143s.
Pork, ditto	64s.	74s.	76s.	76s.	86s.	100s.	105s.	110s.
Hogs heads, ditto	54s. 6d.	60s.	32s.	54s.	70s.	70s.	80s.	85s.
Tongues, per 1/2 do.	64s. 6d.	64s.	72s.	75s.	77s.	85s.	93s.	93s.
Butter, per cwt.	72s.	64s.	72s.	76s.	84s.	83s.	84s.	85s.

No. 4. (4). AN ACCOUNT *of negroes sold by Aspinall and Hardy, and Hardy, Pennock, and Brittan.*

In 1793.	242 from New Calabar.
	828 Windward Coast.
	251 Old Calabar.
	656 Gold Coast.
	469 Gambia.
	627 Angola.

3053 Total. Average, 45l. 16s. 10d. Sterling.

In

In 1794. 1259 from Angola.  
 432 Bonny.  
 1691 Total. Average, 46*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* Sterling.

In 1795. 927 from Angola.  
 568 Old Calabar.  
 292 Gold Coast.  
 223 Bonny.  
 211 Windward Coast.  
 2221 Total. Average, 42*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

In 1796. 339 from Bonny.  
 468 Gold Coast.  
 807 Total. Average, 51*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*

In 1797. 1693 from Bonny.  
 491 Old Calabar.  
 2133 Angola.  
 4317 Total. Average, 51*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.*

In 1798. 1105 from Bonny.  
 433 Angola.  
 471 Old Calabar.  
 2009 Total. Average, 58*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

In 1799. 2315 from Bonny.  
 290 Gaboon.  
 618 Angola.  
 3225 Total. Average, 72*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*

For partners and self,  
 THOMAS HARDY.

AN ACCOUNT of the average prices of negroes in the several years undermentioned.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
In 1793.	45	16	10	. Sterling.
1794.	46	9	9	
1795.	42	17	11	
1796.	51	6	3	
1797.	51	1	5	
1798.	58	11	8	
1799.	72	4	10	

No.

No. 5. AN ACCOUNT of the imports of PROVISIONS from Great-Britain and Ireland, from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1798, to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1799.

Articles.	Butts.	Punch.	Hogheads.	Tierces.	Barrels.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Barrels.	Bags.	Kirkins.	Casks.
Flour -		826			3,336				
Ship bread 2729			1619		2,300		8430		
Salt beef				1199	13,752	3298			
Salt pork				712	14,699	3411			
Pease -									3610
Herrings					122,428				
Butter -									

19,740

DAVID INNES, naval officer.

No. 6 AN ACCOUNT of the IMPORTS from the American States, from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1798, to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1799.

Articles.	Boxes.	Hhds.	Trs.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Trs.	Bbls.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Bls.	Feet.	Quin.	Bush.	Fir.	Pund.	In number.
Flour - -					52026	2500						
Bread - -		20			6958							
Beef - -					5330	82						
Pork - -					5412							
Pease - -									7194			
Rice - -			6153	760								
Cod fish - -		1368						365				
Salmon - -					938							
Lumber - -							10,805,620					
Herrings - -					11832							
Butter - -									561			
Corn - -								57804				
Corn meal - -					4168							
Essence of spruce 449												
Staves and shingles												19,525,529
Wood hoops -												82,073
Tobacco - -					1094							
Shooks - -												2,632
Pitch, tar, & turpen.					4547							
Masts, yards, & spars												485
Onions - -									98813			
Sheep - -												100
Hogs - -												70
Horses - -												10
Horned cattle -												11
Salt - -												

1300

DAVID INNES, naval officer.

No. 7. AN ACCOUNT of the quantity of TONNAGE. received into the several ports of Jamaica, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1793, to the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 1799.

Year.	In what port received.	Amount of tons.		Amount of tons in each year.	Total amount.
		British.	Foreign.		
1793	Kingston	-	-	59036	1793
	Port-Antonio	-	-	5760	88
	Montego-Bay	-	-	28141	268
	Lucea	-	-	4266	83
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	12348	
					113,683
1794	Kingston	-	-	94679	25425
	Port-Antonio	-	-	8283	4503
	Montego-Bay	-	-	24345	5756
	Lucea	-	-	4790	704
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	7687	1487
					174,459
1795	Kingston	-	-	74679	36113
	Port-Antonio	-	-	5545	4598
	Montego-Bay	-	-	19035	12209
	Lucea	-	-	3448	395
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	8149	2580
					134,051
1796	Kingston	-	-	59713	45831
	Port-Antonio	-	-	3484	9178
	Montego-Bay	-	-	15926	13932
	Lucea	-	-	2619	505
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	6346	5328
					163,462
1797	Kingston	-	-	55755	20868
	Port-Antonio	-	-	4374	3736
	Montego-Bay	-	-	16168	8663
	Lucea	-	-	3617	326
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	8738	2330
					124,575
1798	Kingston	-	-	72357	32201
	Port-Antonio	-	-	7679	3855
	Montego-Bay	-	-	24819	9671
	Lucea	-	-	5531	335
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	10698	2276
					169,422
1799	Kingston	-	-	63319	46859
	Port-Antonio	-	-	7318	6529
	Montego-Bay	-	-	21427	11130
	Lucea	-	-	5304	1447
	Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	11951	2921
					178,196
					1,057,848

J. FRANCKLYN, Collector,  
JOHN DAWSON, Comptroller,

} Kingston  
J. D. ANDREWE,

J. D. ANDREWS, Collector,	}	Port-Antonio.
JAMES DUDDINGSTON, Comptroller,		
JAMES FANNIN, Acting Collector,	}	Montego-Bay.
PETER GRANT, Comptroller,		
ROBERT GILPIN, Collector,	}	Lucea.
WILLIAM BROWN, Comptroller,		
EDWARD WALSH, Collector,		Savanna-la-Mar.

No. 8. AN ACCOUNT of new SUGAR PLANTATIONS settled in the parishes under-mentioned, since the year 1792.

In what parishes.	No.
St. James,	9
Trelawny,	14
Westmorland,	11
Portland.	13
St. Mary's,	3
Hanover,	4
St. Elizabeth,	6
St. Ann,	23

No. 9. ABSTRACT of the return of COFFEE SETTLEMENTS from the parishes under-mentioned.

Name of the parish.	No.	No. of acres.	No of negroes.	Provie- tors		No of acres planted in coffee, in 1796.	No. of acres plant- ed in coffee, in 1797.	No of acres plant- ed in coffee, in 1798.	No of acres plant- ed in coffee, in 1799.	Total No. of acres in coffee.
				Absent.	Present.					
St. John	28	8364	1455	0	28	500	318	360	884	1562
St. Andrew	17	6006½	989	3	14	673	113	80	59½	925½
St. David	20	7694	1079	1	19	990	20	25	30	1065
Westmorland	26	8144	1186	2	24	403	189	214	176	982
Trelawny	16	8500	1065	1	15	296	82	142	140	660
St. James	26	14469	1327	6	20	562	34½	57	44	697½
Pott Royal	50	16710	2750	6	44	1227	736½	378	420½	2762
St. George	93	30199	3807	4	88	1644	667	453	1012	4089
St. Mary	27	10780	1754	5	17	891	234	198½	153	1563
Portland	7	2397	198	0	7	77½	31	61½	49½	221½
St. Thomas in the East	38	15083	2307	5	33	833	306	177	261	816
Total	348	128346½	78017	33	309	8096½	2730	2146	3229½	15343½

The following returns have been made, since the report was presented to the house:

St. Elizabeth	63	42953	3258	7	56	1273	540	598	689	3100
Hanover	36	3727	649	1	33	78	346	305	305	1034
St. Ann	72	41752	3961	5	67					2167

No returns have been received, of coffee settlements, for the following parishes:

St. Dorothy estimated to contain	-	-	12
St. Thomas in the Vale ditto	-	-	42
Clarendon ditto	-	-	40
Vere ditto	-	-	none.
St. Catherine ditto	-	-	10

Settlements

It is estimated that a proportion of one third, at least, of these settlements is not yet in actual bearing; coffee-trees not beginning to yield, in abundance, before the 4th year after they are planted.

## No. 10.

*Form of license for St. Domingo Trade.*

JAMAICA, ff.

GEORGE the third, by the grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, king, and of Jamaica lord, defender of the faith, &c.

WHEREAS we have thought proper to allow certain articles, under certain restrictions, to be exported from our island of Jamaica, to certain ports in the island of St. Domingo, and the produce of the said island to be imported, in return for such articles:

It is our royal will and pleasure, by these presents to license and permit our faithful subjects, A. B. owners of the ship or vessel called whereof C. D. is at present master, to transport in the said vessel (to be duly navigated according to the laws of our realm) from the port of Kingston, in our said island of Jamaica, to Cape François, Port-au-Prince (Port-Republicain) or either of them, in the said island of St. Domingo, the goods and merchandize following, viz.

The same being the produce or manufacture of our dominions, or the produce of the United States of America, and to bring back the produce of the said island of St. Domingo in return, under the regulations and restrictions hereunto annexed.

Witness his honour the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of the island of Jamaica, and the territories depending thereon in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same, at St. Jago de la Vega, the day of in the thirty-ninth year of our reign, *annoque domini*, 1799.

By his honour's command.

## REGULATIONS and RESTRICTIONS.

1. A list of the crew of the licensed vessel, outward-bound, to be given in by the master, to the commissioners of police at Port Royal; the master will subscribe his name to the list, and the commissioner will attest his signature, and file it in the office.
2. No Frenchman to compose a part of that crew, or negroes, nor people of colour denominated mulattoes.
3. All passengers, from St. Domingo to this island, shall produce their passports at the police-office, established at Port-Royal.
4. That the master of every licensed vessel shall, on its return, make oath, that he has brought no passengers of any description, without passports.
5. That the master of every licensed vessel sailing from hence shall, upon his return, make oath, before one of the commissioners of police at Port-Royal, that he has not brought in, as part of his crew, any Frenchmen or foreigners of any description, hired or employed by him, since he sailed from the island of Jamaica.
6. A duty of one *per cent. ad valorem*, is payable to the agent at St. Domingo, on amount of the invoice.
7. The vessel not to enter either of the said ports, in the island of St. Domingo, under any colours but those of a flag of truce; nor hoist her national colours, until she is out of the limits of the said ports.

*Resolved,*

*Resolved, nem. con.*

That the house do agree to the report :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Grant, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee to prepare an humble address to his majesty, on the subject-matters of the above report. A drefs to the king ordered.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, to whom the petition of James Thomas Riley, of the parish of St. Ann, merchant, administrator of John Lloyd Bishop, late of the said parish, carpenter, deceased, was referred, reported, that they had taken the same into consideration, and it does not appear to them, by any entry on the journals of the house, or by any clause contained in the additional poll-tax act, passed in 1792, that payment was ordered for the amount of the account annexed to the said petition, as is therein stated : J. T. Riley's petition reported.

That the committee find, that in the year 1796, a grant was made applicable to the order of the commissioners of the St. Ann's barrack, and the St. Ann's barrack hospital, to the amount of 511*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* being so much which they had undertaken to pay, in excess of the grants voted for repairing the said barrack, and building the said hospital :

That it appears to the committee, from information given to them by William Bolt, esquire, one of the said commissioners, that the work specified in the account annexed to the said petition, was done and performed, as therein set forth, for which he and one other of the commissioners gave their order on the receiver-general ; which order not having been paid by the receiver-general, the committee recommend to the house, to provide for the payment, to the representative of the said John Lloyd Bishop, of the sum of 58*l.* 15*s.* being the only balance due ; the house having, by former grants, provided for the other parts thereof :

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public : Island arms bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house : Reported;

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.

*An act for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public."*

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill, to enable Peter Mathew Dixon to sell detached lands, limited : Dixon's trust bill committed;

ed to him for life, and to others in remainder, by the will of the late Countess Dowager of Home, investing the value in the purchase of slaves, to the like uses:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Edwardes took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report to be received

Mr. Edwardes, from the committee, acquainted the house, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the house will be pleased to receive the same:

*Ordered,*

this day six months.

That the report be received this day six months.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Continued poll-tax bill read second time;

The bill for continuing so much of the present law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trade, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, for three months longer, was read a second time:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill be engrossed.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour to postpone the packet.

“*We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for postponing the sailing of the packet for one week longer, the house having under consideration matters of very great importance; the result of which, it will be highly expedient should be transmitted to Great-Britain, by an early conveyance.*”

*Ordered,*

That Mr. L. Cutlibert and Mr. Shaw be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof; and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Motion for 200*l.* to T. Wallen;

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the honourable Thomas Wallen, late commissary of musters, the sum of 200*l.* in consideration of his long and faithful services in that capacity;

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Motion for lodging-money to T. Wallen;

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the honourable Thomas Wallen, the sum of 50*l.* in full for lodging-money due him as commissary of musters, for 1798, the same having been omitted to be inserted in either of the money-bills of the last session;

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

A motion

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to William Middleton James, the sum of 200*l.* for his care, trouble, and attention, in compiling an index to the votes of the three last sessions, on a plan lately adopted for the index to the votes of the house of commons; Motion for 200*l.* to W. M. James;

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house. Three days-rule.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to John Michael Dwyer, the sum of 50*l.* for his extraordinary trouble, in taking the examinations of itinerant foreigners, for several years past; Motion for 50*l.* to J. M. Dwyer;

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house. Three days-rule.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Bryan have leave of absence for a fortnight.

Leave of absence to Mr. Bryan.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house, a letter he has received from the island engineer, dated December 10th; and his honour recommends the placing of Fort-Small on the establishment, to the consideration of the house. Message from lieutenant-governor,

‘ Spanish-Town, December 10th, 1799.

‘ MY LORD,

‘ Having, in obedience to your lordship’s order, inspected the several fortifications on the island establishment, I felt it also my duty to extend my investigation to the post of Fort-Small, which I had every reason to believe was a post of much importance; and I now beg leave to submit a representation thereof, for your lordship’s consideration. with letter from island engineer.

‘ The fort is constructed in the form of a half moon, upon the south point of Salt-Pond Hill, and at a considerable height above the sea; there are eight 24-pounders mounted on the battery, which immediately, and completely, command the south channel, leading by Green-Bay to Kingston harbour, and also form a cross fire with Fort-Charles; thereby affording means of great protection to the shipping, as well as a formidable obstruction to the vessels of the enemy, which might attempt to enter the harbour:

‘ The fort also flanks the low beach, extending southerly from Salt-Pond Hill to St. George’s Rocks; which, I must here observe to your lordship, is a portion of ground whereon the enemy may easily make good a landing, while Fort-Small remains in its present unoccupied state.

‘ I have the honour to be, my lord, with the greatest respect, your lordship’s most obedient humble servant,

‘ W. FRAZER, island engineer.

‘ Right honourable earl Balcarres, &c. &c.”

*Ordered,*

Ordered,

That the above message, and the letter therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Agent's letter of 5th  
Sept. and memorial  
of Jeffray,

A motion being made, that the agent's letter of the 5th September last, to the commissioners of correspondence, and the memorial of Jeffray, therein enclosed, be read;

And the same being read accordingly;

Ordered,

referred to state of  
the island.

That the said letter and memorial be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Message to attend  
his honour.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the immediate attendance of the whole house in the council-chamber:

H's honour's assent  
therein.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council-chamber, when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the seven following bills:

"An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses."

"An act for continuing the act commonly called the Highway Law, for a certain time longer; and for other purposes."

"An act for the further and more effectual improvement of the highway or road, leading from Bog-Walk, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Spanish-Town; and for granting certain additional powers to the trustees of the St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike."

"An act for amending a certain act, made in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled, 'An act to constitute certain persons therein described, a corporation or body politic, for making and keeping up a close-harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay, in the parish of St. James, and for other purposes.'"

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act for the better preventing mischiefs that may happen by fire, in the town of Kingston; for the further regulating the assize of bread, and the nightly watch in the said town; and for other purposes therein mentioned.'"

"An act in aid of the militia act."

"An act empowering John Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Duncan Fraser, and John Murdoch, trustees in a certain indenture or deed of trust, to sell certain lands in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, and invest the purchase-money in other real estate, or in other good and sufficient security, to the uses contained in the said deed."

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

Sabbati,

Sabbati, 21<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.

**T**HE engrossed bill for continuing so much of the present law, commonly called the poll-tax law, as relates to the tax on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels; for three months longer, was read the third time: Continued poll-tax bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public, was read the third time: Island arms bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Quier, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Henry, Mr. Sheriff, and Mr. Minot, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bills to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill for appointing commissioners to purchase lands in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there, was read a second time: Military lands bill read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, this day.

The bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island;" passed in the year 1793, was read a second time: Amended prize-goods bill read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, this day.

The bill to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized, and for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time: Kaylet's trust bill read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, this day.

Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal) presented to the house, a bill for securing to the trustees of Wolmer's Free-School, a certain perpetual annuity, upon their delivering up certain securities for public debts; which was received, and read the first time: Wolmer's perpetual annuity bill presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, to whom the petition of John Lodge, of the parish of Kingston, cabinet-maker, was referred, reported, that they had examined the mill, mentioned in the said petition, and are of opinion, that the principle on which it is constructed is excellent; but that they have doubts as to some difficulties that may not easily be overcome in the erection thereof. John Lodge's petition reported.

That the committee recommend to the house, to agree to this report, and to se-

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cure thereby to John Lodge, for two years, the exclusive right of using his new-invented method of increasing the velocity of mill-rollers, without accelerating the motion or speed of the mules, horses, cattle, water-wheels, or *primum mobile* of what kind soever, by which the said rollers are moved; and in case, during the space of two years, any sugar-cane-mill be constructed or altered on John Lodge's principle, and does succeed, that then the house will grant him, by a bill, the exclusive right of his discovery:

Compensation recommended.

That the committee further recommend to the house, to grant to John Lodge (a free man of colour) one hundred and forty pounds, in consideration of his being a cabinet-maker, and having lost much time by his attendance on the house:

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the above report do lie three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Committee on state of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report one resolution;

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows:

recommending the imposition of martial law.

That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, informing him, that the house are of opinion, that martial law might be expedient in the present critical time, and requesting that his honour will be pleased to call a council of war, for the purpose of submitting to their consideration, the propriety of such a measure:

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, agreeably to the above report.

"*We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that the house are of opinion, that martial law might be expedient in the present critical time, and request that your honour will be pleased to call a council of war, for the purpose of submitting to their consideration, the propriety of such a measure.*"

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Grant and Mr. Henry be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would take the same into his immediate consideration.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Wolmer's perpetual annuity bill read second time;

The bill for securing to the trustees of Wolmer's Free-School, a certain perpetual annuity, upon their delivering up certain securities for public debts, was read a second time:

*Ordered,*

Ordered,

That the said bill be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for appointing commissioners to purchase lands in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there :

Military lands bill committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Reported ;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for appointing commissioners to purchase lands in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there.*"

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes, and for other purposes :

Residence of clergy bill committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Reported ;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes, and for other purposes.*"

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized, and for the purposes therein mentioned :

Kaylet's trust bill committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shaw took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Reported ;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments,*"

Engrossed.

*ments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized, and for the purposes therein mentioned."*

Amended prize-  
geous bill;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "An act for the relief of the cantors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island," passed in the year 1793:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shaw took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

to be re-committed;

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, reported, that they had directed him to recommend to the house, to re-commit the said bill to the same committee who brought it in, to be re-considered:

To which the house agreed.

*Ordered,*

members added to  
committee.

That Mr. G. Cuthbert and Mr. Shirley be added to the said committee.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

*By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.*

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

*Domnica, 22<sup>o</sup> die Decembris, 1799.*

Military lands bill  
passed.

**T**HE engrossed bill for appointing commissioners to purchase lands, in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Residence of clergy  
bill passed.

The engrossed bill to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes; and for other purposes, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Wolmer's perpetual  
annuity bill passed.

The engrossed bill for securing to the trustees of Wolmer's Free-School, a certain perpetual annuity, upon their delivering up certain securities for public debts, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Kaylet's trust bill  
passed.

The engrossed bill to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey,

of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized; and for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

The resolution moved in the house on Friday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the honourable Thomas Wallen, late commissary of musters, the sum of 200*l.* in consideration of his long and faithful services in that capacity, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read ;

Resolution for 200*l.*  
to T. Wallen;

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto ;

on motion, and de-  
bate, negatived.

A debate thereon arising ; and the question being put, it passed in the negative.

The resolution moved in the house on Friday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the honourable Thomas Wallen, the sum of 50*l.* in full for lodging-money due to him, as commissary of musters, for the year 1798, and omitted to be inserted in either of the money-bills of last session, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read ;

Resolution for 50*l.*  
to T. Wallen,

And a motion being made, that the same be amended, by striking out the word " fifty," and inserting the words " twenty-five ;"

on motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the resolution, so amended, being read, was agreed unto by the house.

altered to 25*l.*

The resolution moved in the house on Friday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to William Middleton James, the sum of 200*l.* for his care, trouble, and attention, in compiling an index to the votes of the three last sessions, on a plan lately adopted for the index to the Votes of the House of Commons, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 200*l.*  
to W. M<sup>r</sup> James,  
agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Friday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to John Michael Dwyer, the sum of 50*l.* for his extraordinary trouble in examining itinerant foreigners, for several years past, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 50*l.*  
to J. M. Dwyer,  
agreed to.

Mr. L. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his majesty, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again read ;

Address to his ma-  
jesty presented ;

*Resolved,*

That the said address be committed to a committee of the whole house, immediately.

Then the house resolved itself into such committee :

Committee ;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. L. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. L. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the said address, without making any amendment thereto :

Reported ;

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Order ;

Engrossed.

Ordered,  
That the said address be engrossed.

Ordered,  
That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, respecting an embargo.

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to state to you that, in the opinion of the house, it is necessary and expedient to lay an embargo on all foreign vessels of every description, and on all English vessels trading to or with any foreign port or place, to continue until the measure of ridding the country of French slaves, and other improper persons, shall have been completely effected.*”

Ordered,

That Mr. Sheriff and Mr. Minot be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message, and also to carry the engrossed bills of this day to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered.

Leave to a member to petition council.

That Mr. Shaw have leave to petition the council, on the passage of the bill for securing to the trustees of *Wolm r's Free-School*, a certain perpetual annuity, upon their delivering up certain securities for public debts; and also on the passage of the bill to enable the trustees of *Thomas Kaylet*, late of the parish of *St. Andrew*, in the county of *Surrey*, *Esquire*, deceased, to sell the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of *Kingston*, in the county of *Surrey*, of which the said *Thomas Kaylet* died seized; and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Rations and pay to the militia.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to consider of the mode of fixing the rations and the pay, necessary to be granted and allowed to the militia, during the existence of the present martial law, when on actual duty, and to report the same to the house;

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Christie, be a committee for that purpose.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

The engrossed address to his majesty was read, in the words following:

“ JAMAICA, ff.

“ TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

“ *The humble address of the assembly of Jamaica.*

“ MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Address to his majesty,

“ We, your majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of Jamaica, most humbly beg leave to submit to your majesty's consideration, the very great apprehensions entertained by the inhabitants of Jamaica, arising from the dangers that may follow even a discussion of their right to the properties which they hold in this colony, under patents from your majesty and your royal ancestors; from

from a threatened abolition of the slave-trade, either partial or total; from an alteration of the measures which have been uniformly pursued by the legislature of this island to insure its safety, by encouraging settlements in the interior parts of the country; from the perilous situation in which they are placed, by the evacuation of the Mole St. Nicholas, and the district of Jeremie; and, by the subsequent intercourse which has taken place between the government of this island, and that of St. Domingo.

“ We beg leave to represent to your majesty, that the regular force stationed in this island, is undoubtedly inadequate to the protection of this colony, at the present critical period; in consequence of which, your majesty’s faithful subjects have been compelled, as the only expedient in their power, to put the island under martial law.

“ We do most solemnly assure your majesty, that we are anxious to render the situation of our slaves as comfortable as can be done, consistently with their condition and our own safety.

“ We place the fullest confidence in your majesty’s paternal solicitude for the welfare of your people, and that our representations will be graciously considered by your majesty, and be productive of that redress and protection, which are earnestly implored by your majesty’s faithful and loyal subjects of this island.”

*Resolved,*

That the said address do pass.

passed.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to the council:

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

“ *The house having agreed to an humble address to his majesty, we are ordered by the house to lay the same before your honours, and desire your concurrence.*”

Message to council  
to join in address.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. L. Cuthbert and Mr. W. Mitchell be a committee to carry the above message, and the address, to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to consider of the mode of fixing the rations and the pay, necessary to be granted and allowed to the militia, during the existence of the present martial law, when on actual duty, and to report the same to the house, reported,

Report on rations  
and pay to the  
militia.

That, in the opinion of the committee, every non-commissioned officer and private of the militia, should be allowed 5s. *per* day, when in actual service; but that they should not be allowed any pay for going to or returning from such duty:

That, in the opinion of the committee, the rations for officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, ought to be as follows: of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. bread, or bread kind in proportion;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of fresh beef, or 1 lb. of mess beef or mess pork; half a pint of rum; 4 ounces of sugar, and 2 ounces of coffee, or 5s. in money, in lieu thereof:

That the committee are of opinion, that the officers of the militia, and the troopers, when in actual service, ought to be allowed, for one horse, 2 quarts of corn, and 4 bundles of grass, or 5s. in money, in lieu thereof:

That

That the committee are of opinion, that pay, but no rations, ought to be allowed to the militia, for general or private musters :

And, that the committee are further of opinion, that the pioneers should be allowed, each, 3s. 4d. per day, and one-dollar per week, in-lieu of rations :

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report :

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, with copy of report.

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of a report this day made to the house, from a committee appointed to consider of the mode of fixing the rations and the pay, necessary to be granted and allowed to the militia, during the existence of the present martial law, when on duty, to which the house have agreed; and to request that your honour will be pleased to direct, that the same be put in general orders.*”

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Minot be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would do it most assuredly.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from council, on address.

“ *I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the humble address to his majesty, sent them this day by the house for their concurrence, and that they desire the house will be pleased to fill it up accordingly.*”

*Ordered,*

That Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Grant, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee, to join a committee of the council, to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, to desire he will be pleased to transmit the address to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to the council :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council, on the same.

“ *We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have filled up the blanks with the words ‘ council and,’ in the humble address to his majesty, agreeably to your honours’ message of this day, and have appointed a committee, to meet a committee of your board, to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, to desire he will be pleased to transmit the same to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner.*”

*Ordered,*

Report from colony committee, to be sent to agent.

That the commissioners of correspondence do transmit to the agent, by the next packet, a copy of the report made to the house on Friday last, from the committee appointed “ to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d of November,

1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same; and to state to the house, how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government;" and that he be directed to cause the same to be printed, and copies thereof sent to each member of both houses of parliament individually; and that he do likewise publish the said report throughout the kingdom.

*Ordered,*

That five hundred copies of the said report be printed by the printer to this house, for the use of the members of both branches of the legislature of this island, and also for distribution in the respective parishes. and to be printed;

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, agreeably to their last message of this day, that they have appointed a committee of three members of their board, to join a committee of the house, to wait on his honour the lieutenant governor, to desire he will be pleased to transmit the humble address to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner." Message to council on address.

Then the committee went up; and being returned, Mr. L. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that the joint committee had waited on his honour the lieutenant-governor with the address, and desired he would be pleased to transmit the same to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner; and that his honour was pleased to say, he would transmit it to his majesty, by the next packet, in the most acceptable manner. Joint committee attend his honour, with address to the king.

*Ordered,*

That the commissioners of correspondence do transmit to the agent, a copy of the joint address to his majesty; and also direct him to take such steps as he shall think most expedient, in order to have the report made to the house on Friday last, from the committee appointed "to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d of November, 1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same; and to state to the house, how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government," and agreed to by the house, laid before his majesty. Copy of address to be sent to the agent, with instruction respecting the report.

*Ordered,*

That the secretary of this island do cause the following laws, so soon as they shall have passed the several branches of the legislature, to be printed by the printer to this house: Order for printing laws.

"An act for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses:"—  
One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace,

peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; and one copy to the receiver-general, and to each of his deputies.

“*An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; one copy to the receiver-general, and to each of his deputies; and one copy to each inspector and collector of the rum duties.

“*An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; and one copy to the receiver-general, and to each of his deputies.

“*An act for raising a tax on land within this island, and applying the same to the public service:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; and one copy to the receiver-general, and to each of his deputies.

“*An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry; two copies to the commissioners of accounts; two copies to each commissioner of the stamp duties, and to each distributor of stamps; and twelve copies to the receiver-general.

“*An act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, ‘An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;’ and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; and one copy to the receiver-general, and to each of his deputies.

“*An act in aid of the militia act:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each field-officer of the militia; one copy to each captain of the militia; one copy to the judge-advocate-general, and to each deputy judge-advocate; one copy to the receiver-general; and one copy to the provost-marshal-general, and to each of his deputies.

“*An act for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each field officer of the militia; one copy to each captain of the militia; one copy to the judge-advocate-general, and to each deputy judge-advocate; one copy to the receiver-general; and one copy to the provost-marshal-general, and to each of his deputies.

“*An act to encourage the importation of horses from Great-Britain, by granting a purse to be run for in each county:*”—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry; two copies to the commissioners of accounts; and twelve copies to the receiver-general.

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" *An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisal against the enemy; and for other purposes:*"—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry; one copy to each collector and comptroller of the customs, at the several ports of this island; six copies to the judge of the court of vice-admiralty; and one copy to the commissioners for the exchange of prisoners of war, or their agent in this island.

" *An act to enforce the residence of the clergy, in their respective parishes; and for other purposes:*"—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to each churchwarden, clerk of the peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; one copy to each rector of the several parishes of this island; and one copy to the receiver-general, and to each of his deputies.

And that he do cause the act passed in the year 1798, entitled, "*An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war;*" together with the act passed this session, for continuing the same, to be printed by the printer to this house:—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each field-officer of the militia; one copy to each captain of the militia; one copy to the judge-advocate-general, and to each deputy judge-advocate; one copy to the receiver-general; and one copy to the provost-marshal-general, and to each of his deputies.

And that he do also cause the following laws to be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for four weeks.

Order for printing laws in news-papers.

" *An act for continuing so much of the present law, commonly called the Poll-Tax Law, as relates to the tax on trade, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, for three months longer.*"

" *An act for continuing the act, commonly called the Highway Law, for a certain time longer; and for other purposes.*"

Ordered,

That the receiver-general do write for and import, for the use of the house, the Journals of the House of Lords, and also of the House of Commons, from the earliest to the latest period, bound in Russia leather; the expence of which this or any future assembly will make good.

Receiver-general to send for Journals of both Houses of Parliament.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Robert Huggins, the sum of 200*l.* for his services as clerk to the committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23<sup>d</sup> of November, 1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same; and to state to the house, how far such measures may contribute to the internal safety of the colony; to inquire into its situation with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government;

Motion for 200*l.* to Robert Huggins;

Ordered,

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Three days rule;

A motion

Motion for 100*l*.  
more to W. M.  
James;

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to William Middleton James, the sum of 100*l*. in addition to the sum of 200*l*. this day granted him, for compiling an index to the votes of the three last several sessions, the said sum of 200*l*. not being an adequate compensation for his trouble therein;

*Ordered.*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Message to attend  
his honour.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the immediate attendance of the house, in the council-chamber:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council-chamber, when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the five following bills:

His honour's assent  
to bills.

" *An act for continuing so much of the present law, commonly called the Poll-Tax Law, as relates to the tax on trade, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, for three months longer.*"

" *An act for appointing commissioners to purchase lands in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there.*"

" *An act for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public.*"

" *An act to enforce the residence of the clergy in their respective parishes; and for other purposes.*"

" *An act to constitute certain persons therein described, a corporation or body politic, for supplying the town of Falmouth, in the parish of Trilavony, and the inhabitants thereof, and the shipping in the harbour of the said town, with good and wholesome water.*"

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January next, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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Martis, 7<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, 1800.

House adjourned.

THE house met; and there being only seven members present;

The house was adjourned till Tuesday morning, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January instant, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Martis,

Martis, 28<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, 1800.

Prayers. **M**R. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. L. Cutlibert, mentioning his being at the Bath of St. Thomas in the East, for the benefit of the waters, and requesting leave of absence for ten days: Leave of absence to Mr. L. Cutlibert;

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence for ten days, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Bryan, mentioning that, by reason of infirmity, he was at present prevented from attending to his duty in the house, and requesting leave of absence for the remainder of the session: and to Mr. Bryan.

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence for the remainder of the session, accordingly.

A member, in his place, having informed the house of the death of Peter Francklyn, esquire, one of the representatives for the parish of Trelawny: Death of Mr. Francklyn announced.

And a motion being made, that a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, acquainting him therewith, that a new writ might issue:

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Trelawny, in the room of Peter Francklyn, esquire, deceased.” New writ for Trelawny.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) and Mr. Shaw be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof; and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island. Committee on state of the island,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fitch took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, reported nineteen resolutions, which he read in this place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows: report 19 resolutions.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petition of Alexander Steele and Henry Paulett, presented to the house this session.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petition of Rebecca Pleasure Wilton, presented to the house this session.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 34*l*. 7*s*. 1*d*. to the representatives of Peter Francklyn, esquire, deceased, in full of his account presented to the house, for the hire of negroes to act as pioneers to the black shot, and for cart-hire from Weston-Favel estate.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the

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poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 130*l.* 10*s.* to George and Matthew Atkinson and company, for monies paid by them for the conveyance of troops and baggage to Fort-Haldane, and for the lodging of troops at Old-Harbour-Bay.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 828*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* to the commanding officer of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor, this session.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to captain Dunker, lieutenant Haaren, and assistant surgeon Kublan, lodging-money, from 7th November, 1798, to 13th June, 1799, at the rate of 20*l.* *per annum* each; amounting, in the whole, to the sum of 36*l.*

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 256*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* to Stevenson and Aikman, in full of the account annexed to their petition presented to the house this session, for advertising in the Diary, sundry resolutions, agreeably to the order of the house.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 216*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* to John Thomas William Bennett, for advertising sundry notices and proclamations in the Daily Advertiser, by order of the commander in chief.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 256*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to Lunan and Lewis, for sundry printing business performed, and for sundry stationery furnished for the use of the commissioners of correspondence, and of the board of works.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 517*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* to Alexander Aikman, for printing of laws and extra votes of the house; and for furnishing to the members of the council, and of the house, and to the judges of the supreme and assize courts, copies of the authorized edition of the island laws.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 48*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* to William Bullock, for sundry stationery imported from Great-Britain, by order of the commissioners of correspondence, and for postage of letters from the agent.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Thomas Anderson, surgeon of the York hussars, for lodging-money, to 14th November last.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 44*l.* 15*s.* to the commanding officer of the first battalion of the 60th regiment, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor, this session.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 86*l.* to Benjamin Tenison, in full for supplying a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at Lucea, with water.

15. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 101*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to George Woodbine, for the hire of sundry negroes to act as pioneers to the York hussars.

16. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 455*l.* to John Donaldson, for the hire of mules and a cart, for the use of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from the 11th November, 1798, to the 10th November last.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the

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the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 102*l.* to lieutenant Walter Johnson, military secretary to the commander in chief, in full for island pay and lodging-money, to the 30th November last.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 66*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to John Donaldson, in full of his account for the hire of sundry negroes, to act as pioneers to the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from the 25th January to the 14th March, 1799.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 79*l.* to the commanding officer of the 66th regiment, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, from the 25th October, 1798, to the 31st March, 1799, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor, this session.

Then Mr. Fitch acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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*By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.*

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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*Mercurii, 29<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, 1800.*

*Prayers.* **M**R. Redwood, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the 7th clause of an act entitled, " An act for the further relief of insolvent debtors, imprisoned for debt;" which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Quier, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Shaw, be a committee for that purpose.

*Resolved, nem. con.*

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, stating, that in consequence of the little demand for, and small value of, West-India produce in Europe, the planters are precluded from drawing bills on their correspondents, to pay for lumber and other necessaries from the United States of America : That rum, the only article produced here which American vessels can export, is of so little value in America, at present, that it will not be taken in payment : That the scarcity

*Bill to repeal a clause in insolvent debtors act presented.*

*Motion to regulate carriage of army baggage :*

*Bill ordered.*

*Resolution for exporting produce to United States. .*

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of specie, at this time, puts it out of the power of the merchants to purchase for cash: That slaves, without which the productions of this country cannot be sent to market, can only be had from the United States in sufficient quantities: That, from the scarcity of provisions in Great-Britain, we can hope for no supplies from thence, but must depend solely on the United States: That although British vessels are permitted to export, generally, to the United States, and bring cargoes in return, yet, at this period, it is impracticable to find seamen to navigate them according to law: And that, on these considerations, the house submit to his honour, the necessity of permitting vessels belonging to the United States, to export sugar, coffee, &c. for a limited time, as a measure forced, from imperious circumstances, to be adopted.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

*Resolved.*

Resolution for inquiry into effects of martial law, as to certain foreigners, &c.

That this house will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire what effect the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here; and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house:

And a motion being made, that the same be amended, by striking out the words "resolve itself into a committee of the whole house," and inserting the words, "appoint a special committee;"

The house divided:

Division.

The ayes went forth:

Ayes, 13; noes, 11.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the said resolution, so amended, being read;

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto;

And the previous question being put, Whether that question be now put:

The house divided:

Division.

The noes went forth:

Ayes, 15; noes, 9.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the main question being put;

~~And a debate thereon arising:~~

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,*

To be published.

That the proceedings of the house, on the above question, be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, the Diary, and the Daily Advertiser, for one week.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Alkman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

*Adjis,*

Idibus, 30<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, 1800.

**REPORTS.** ORDERED, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to state to you that, in consequence of the little demand for, and small value of, West-India produce in Europe, the planters are precluded from drawing bills on their correspondents, to pay for lumber and other necessaries from the United States of America: That rum, the only article produced here, which American vessels can export, is of so little value in America at present, that it will not be taken in payment: That the scarcity of specie, at this time, puts it out of the power of the merchants to purchase for cash: That slaves, without which the productions of this country cannot be sent to market, can only be had from the United States in sufficient quantities: That, from the scarcity of provisions in Great-Britain, we can hope for no supplies from thence, but must depend solely on the United States: That, although British vessels are permitted to export, generally, to the United States, and bring cargoes in return, yet, at this period, it is impracticable to find seamen to navigate them according to law: And that, on these considerations, the house submit to your honour, the necessity of permitting vessels belonging to the United States, to export sugar, coffee, &c. for a limited time, as a measure forced, from imperious circumstances, to be adopted."

Message to his honour, on exportation of produce to United States.

Ordered,

That Mr. Shaw and Mr. Jaques be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to repeal the seventh clause of an act entitled, "An act for the further relief of insolvent debtors, imprisoned for debt," was read a second time:

Small debts bill, read second time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The resolution moved in the house, on the 22d day of December last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to William Middleton James, the sum of 100*l*. in addition to the sum of 200*l*. that day granted him, for compiling an index to the votes of the three last several sessions; the said sum of 200*l*. not being an adequate compensation for his trouble therein, having tain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for additional 100*l*. to W. M. James, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on the 22d day of December last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Robert Huggins, the sum of 200*l*. for his services as clerk to the committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, as to trade, navigation, and culture, since the report made to the late general assembly, on the 23d of November, 1792; to inquire into the steps that have been taken in the British parliament, either to abolish the slave-trade, or to limit the same; and to state to the house, how far such measures may contribute to

Resolution for 200*l*. to Robert Huggins, agreed to.

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the internal safety of the colony ; to inquire into its situation, with regard to foreign colonies, and to report their opinion thereon ; to inquire into the state of the public revenues, and to report their opinion how far the colony is able to continue the same grants of money, and to fulfil its engagements with the British government, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Re-committed  
amended prize-  
goods bill, read se-  
cond time.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, to whom the bill to explain and amend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, " An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island," was re-committed to be re-considered, reported the same ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Army baggage bill,  
read second time.

Mr. Quier, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Report from road  
committee.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 5000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea, and to whom were referred sundry petitions presented to the house, praying grants of money for the carrying on, completing, and repairing, such roads, reported,

That they had taken the said petitions into their consideration, and are of opinion, that the said grant should be appropriated in the following manner :

Appropriations for  
Surrey.

SURREY.

*St. Andrew.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of James Stewart, Daniel Salt, Robert William Tait, Isaac Willacy, and William Lowe, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the Botanic Garden, in St. Andrew, to Fall-Hill, in the parish of Port-Royal.

*Port-Royal.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of James Stewart, Daniel Salt, Robert Jackson, Robert William Tait, and Isaac Willacy, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Fall-Hill, in the parish of Port-Royal, to the top of Guava-ridge, in St. David.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Robert Telfer, William Savage, John Cherrington, Samuel Francis, and John Halsted, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Mahogany-Hall, in the parish of Port-Royal, to Old Monkland, in St. David.

*St. David.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of James Stewart, James Brenan, Francis Clark, John Boswell, and Thomas Leigh, or any three of them, towards completing the road leading four miles from Yallah's River, along Green-River, in St. David.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Robert Telfer, William Ker, Samuel Francis, Samuel Thompson, and John Halsted, or any three of them, towards completing the

the road from Old Monkland, in St. David, to the barracks in St. Thomas in the East, to avoid two dangerous fordings of Negro-River.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Robert Telfer, William Ker, Samuel Delpratt, Henry Stanley, and James Nicholson, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Llandewy, to the tenth mile-stone, in St. David.

*St. George.*

The sum of 500*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, David Sheriff, David Henderson, John Murdoch, and Robert Gray, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Eden, in St. George, to Silver-Hill, in St. Andrew.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, Lewis Desgouttes, James C. Colthirst, Robert Johnson, and Anthony Forbes, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Peter-Hill to Colthirst's, in St. George.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, David Sheriff, James Anderson, John Hofack, and Alexander Gowie, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Tranquillity, in St. George, to Buff-Bay, to avoid two dangerous fordings.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, David Sheriff, William Cumming, Dominick Walth, and George Donald, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Dry-River, in St. George, to the court-house at Buff-Bay.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, James Barton, William Reid, Alexander Park, and William Douglas, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Annotto-Bay, to join the Dry-River road.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of John Dawson, David Sheriff, William Cumming, Philip Ellis, and James M'Donald, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Dry-River, in the parish of St. George, to Fox's plantation, in St. Andrew.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of David Sheriff, John Shand, John Mackie, Dugald Campbell, and Alexander Park, or any three of them, towards completing a road from Stoney-Hill to Annotto-Bay, to avoid thirty fordings.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, James Smith, Alexander Aikman, Robert Sutherland, and Francis Webber, or any three of them, towards altering and repairing the road over Hardwar's Hill, in St. George, to the dividing-line of St. Andrew.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, David Sheriff, Alexander Park, Thomas Pickersgill, and John Francis Hare, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Scott's Hall, in St. Mary, to Agualta-Vale dam-head, in St. George.

*St. Thomas in the East.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable Kean Osborn, Martin M'Eachern, James Hamilton, and Lachlan M'Gillivray, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Island River, in St. Thomas in the East, to the Grampian Mountain.

*Portland.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Robert Telfer, Samuel Thompson, Samuel Francis, Archibald Graham, and Andrew Johnston, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the barracks to Nanny-Town, in Portland.

The sum of 250*l.* to the order of the honourable Kean Osborn, George Fuller, William Burke senior, William Burke junior, Thomas Oakley, and William Lumfden,

Lumsden, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Bath, to the top of the ridge on the Cunha Cunha road.

The sum of 250*l.* to the order of John Sutton Minot, George Fuller, William Burke senior, William Burke junior, and William Minot, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the top of the ridge, to Seaman's Valley, in Portland.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of Charles Bryan, John Sutton Minot, William Burke senior, William Burke junior, and William Minot, or any three of them, towards altering the road from Bath to Port-Antonio, to avoid Break-Heart hill.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Bryan, John Sutton Minot, George Fuller, William Burke senior, and Peter Anderson, or any three of them, towards completing a road to strike about two miles from Port-Antonio, out of the breast-work road leading to Bath, to avoid dangerous quicksands.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Bryan, John Sutton Minot, George Fuller, Peter Anderson, and Edward Manning Paplay, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Turtle-Crawle, in Portland, through Cambridge estate, to form a junction with the main road at Priestman's River.

Appropriations, for  
Middlesex.

MIDDLESEX.

*St. Catherine.*

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of William Mitchell, Philip Redwood, Edmund Pusey Lyon, John Gardner Millward, George Howel, and John Gordon, or any three of them, towards repairing the road leading from the Great Angels, in the parish of St. Catherine, to Tulloch estate, in St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Philip Redwood, Edmund Pusey Lyon, William Mitchell, James Lewis, Richard Reid, and John Wright, or any three of them, towards repairing the road through the Crescent Pen, in the parish of St. Catherine, into the interior of St. John.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of William Mitchell, Philip Redwood, Edmund Pusey Lyon, John Townsend, William Middleton James, and Matthias Plesham James, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from James's plantation, through Cedar-Valley.

*St. Thomas in the Vale.*

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Lewis Cuthbert, Robert Ross, George Ross, Alexander Frazer, Robert Page, and Hugh Innes, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Williamsfield, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to the line of St. Mary.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Lewis Cuthbert, Robert Ross, Hector McKay, William Caldwell, and Philip Redwood, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Hog-hole estate to Indian-River, in St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 50*l.* to the order of Lewis Cuthbert, Robert Ross, Philip Redwood, John Blackburn, and John James Vidal, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the foot of Guy's Hill, through Ennield, to the intersection of the road leading to Spanish-Town, near Mickleton.

*St. John.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of John Quier, Peter Douglas, Samuel Queneborough, Robert Souper Bayly, and Samuel Pleydeil, or any three of them, towards carrying on the new road from Luidas to Old-Woman Savanna.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of John Quier, Charles Grant, Samuel Queneborough, Robert Souper Bayly, and Eugene Mahony, or any three of them, towards making a new road from Swansea estate, in the Vale of Luidas, towards Pedros, as far as the settlement of George Taylor, in the parish of St. Ann.

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The sum of 100*l.* to the order of John Quier, James Taylor, William Parker, Daniel Pennington, and Samuel Queneborough, or any three of them, towards making a new road from Smoaky-hole plantation, in the red-hills of the parish of St. John, to the junction of the road from Guanaboa to Spanish-Town, near Dove-Cote Park.

*Clarendon.*

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of John Henckell, Joseph Israell, George Mackenzie, Arthur Mackenzie, and Daniel Tabois, or any three of them, towards making a new road through Kellet's estate, and along the banks of Pindar's River, to Arthur's Seat, in the parish of Clarendon.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of John Henckell, Joseph Israell, John Macrae, John Williams, and William Phillips, towards repairing the main ridge-road in the parish of Clarendon.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of John Henckell, Joseph Israell, John Wigan May, Lawrence Holcombe, and William Hewit Israell, or any three of them, towards completing the new Cave-River road, in the parish of Clarendon.

*Vere.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Thomas Anderson, John Pufey Edwardes, Kean Osborn, James Craggs, and John Henckell, or any three of them, towards repairing the road over Hayes's and Harris's Savanna, in the parish of Vere.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of Thomas Anderson, John Pufey Edwardes, James Wright, James Craggs, and William Mitchell, or any three of them, towards repairing the roads through the cock-pit lands, in the parish of Vere.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Thomas Anderson, John Pufey Edwardes, Robert Porter, Francis Badley, and Andrew Wright, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the king's road, at Cocol-Walk, to Calabash-Bay, in the district of Carpenter's Mountains, in the parish of Vere.

*St. Ann.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, Charles Steer, John Taylor, and George Taylor, or any three of them, towards making a new road from the Moneague, in St. Ann, towards Luidas, as far as George Taylor's settlement.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, John Shaw, John Taylor, and William Archer, or any three of them, towards repairing that part of the road from the Moneague to Ocho-Rios-Bay, which passes through the gully, to Daniel's Steps.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, James Dick, Richard Wollaston, and William Voce, or any three of them, towards carrying on the road from Winefield pen, in St. Ann, to Pedro's River.

*St. Mary.*

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, John Neilson, Charles Jones, and William Turner, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Indian-River to Palmeto-Grove, in St. Mary.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, Donald M'Bean, Joseph Green, and Hugh Innes, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Richmond estate, in the parish of St. Mary, to the boundary-line of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, Bartholomew Waldren, Donald M'Bean, and Joseph Green, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Aleppo estate, in the parish of St. Mary, to the intersection of the public road to Spanish-Town and Kingston, at Richmond.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, James Lewis, Joseph Green, Donald M<sup>r</sup>Bean, and Bartholomew Waldren, or any three of them, towards making a new road from M<sup>r</sup>Bean's coffee-walk, in the parish of St. Mary, through Lewisburgh estate, to intersect the road leading from Spanish-Town, through Richmond estate, towards Aleppo.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, John Thomsen, James Beatt, and Joseph Green, or any three of them, towards carrying on the road from Koningsberg, in the parish of St. Mary, to Belmont, in the parish of St. Andrew.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, Francis M<sup>r</sup>Dermot, Andrew Niblet Cox, and David Shaw, or any three of them, towards repairing the road over Guy's hill, from Berkshire-Hall, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to Hermon-Hill, in St. Mary.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, Francis M<sup>r</sup>Dermot, Andrew Niblet Cox, and Henry Williamies, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Maiden-Hall to Goshen, in St. Mary.

The sum of 50*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, Walter Pollock, John Neilson, and William Turner, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Orange-River, in St. Mary, through doctor Page's settlement, to the line of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, William Turner, John Neilson, and Walter Pollock, or any three of them, towards completing the road through Mortar-hall, in the parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, John M<sup>r</sup>Kay, Jonathan Forbes, and Walter Pollock, or any three of them, towards repairing the road leading from Palmeto-Grove to Guy's Hill, in the parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Thomas Murphy, Charles Grant, John M<sup>r</sup>Kay, John Neilson, and Jonathan Forbes, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Donnington-Castle estate, to Parker's Vale, in the parish of St. Mary.

#### CORNWALL.

##### St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the reverend Thomas Warren, Charles Rowe, Robert Glasgow, Daniel Bernard, and Alexander Girdwood, or any three of them, towards completing the Chesterfield road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Rowe, Isaac Allen, William Webb, Alexander Girdwood, and the reverend Thomas Warren, or any three of them, towards completing the Eldersley road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of the reverend Thomas Warren, John White, Robert Glasgow, James Davy, and John Davy, or any three of them, towards completing the Mile-Gully road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of John White, John Griffith, William Kellet Hewitt, Richard Boucher, and Caleb Dickinson, or any three of them, towards completing the road over Mayday-hill, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

##### Westmorland.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, Charles Mitchell, Samuel Jeffries, George Wickey, Robert Delap, and David Bell, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Parker's Bay to Lenox plantation, commonly called the Bogue road, in the parish of Westmorland.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, Charles Mitchell, Samuel Jeffries, James Mackintosh, and Patrick Miller, or any three of them, towards

wards completing the road from Windsor-Forest plantation, and other settlements in that vicinity, to Lenox plantation, in the parish of Westmorland.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, Charles Mitchell, sir David Kinloch, baronet, James Mackintosh, James Stewart, and Samuel Jeffries, or any three of them, towards completing the road from the junction of the barrack road, through Darlston and Lenox estates, in the parish of Westmorland, to the line of St. Elizabeth.

*St. James.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable John Mowat, Daniel Bernard, John Largie, Philip Anglin Scarlett, and George Maclean, or any three of them, towards completing the road called the Chesterfield road, in the parish of St. James.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable John Mowat, Samuel Vaughan junior, Richard Heath, Isaac Lascelles Winn, and John Largie, or any three of them, towards completing the road called the Eldersley road, in the parish of St. James.

The sum of 600*l.* to the order of the honourable John Mowat, Samuel Vaughan junior, Richard Heath, John Largie, and Isaac Lascelles Winn, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Great-River bridge, across the Chesterfield and Eldersley roads, to join the great road of communication through the parish of Trelawny.

*Trelawny.*

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of the honourable James Stewart, James Galloway, William Fairclough, Roger Dobson, John Simpson, and Isaac Lascelles Winn, or any three of them, towards completing the road from the main road from Falmouth to Dromilly, to the line of the parish of St. James, to meet the road from the sixteen mile-post, on the Eldersley road.

The sum of 500*l.* to the order of the honourable James Stewart, James Galloway, Isaac Lascelles Winn, James Campbell, and Andrew Gairdner, or any three of them, towards completing the great interior road from the line of St. Ann, to the line of St. James.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable James Stewart, John Beaufin Irving, James Irving, Edward Knowles, and George Wilton, or any three of them, towards completing the road from the Alps to Hector's River, in the parish of Trelawny.

*Hanover.*

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Richard Haughton Reid, Thomas Partridge Tharp, William Hudson, George Briffett, and Simon Fleming Begg, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Great-River bridge, to the Crown tavern, in the parish of Hanover.

The sum of 450*l.* to the order of Richard Haughton Reid, Thomas Partridge Tharp, John Hill, George Briffett, and John Willey, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Morven settlement, in the parish of Hanover, to the dividing-line between the said parish and the parish of Westmorland.

And the sum of 350*l.* to the order of Richard Haughton Reid, Thomas Partridge Tharp, George Spence, Robert Gilpin, and Thomas Minto, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Tein's Spring to Buxton, in the parish of Hanover.

And that the committee recommend to the house, to direct the receiver-general not to pay any orders which may be drawn on him, in virtue of the above grants,  
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unless the same shall be drawn at the foot of accounts for work done and performed, and duly attested on oath.

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause or clauses, agreeably to the above report.

Report from commissioners of public accounts, on pay and rations.

Mr. Grant, from the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, laid before the house, two resolutions adopted by a board of the said commissioners; which being severally read, are as follows:

*“At a meeting of the commissioners of public accounts, held the 9th January, 1800.*

*Resolved,*

“That it is the opinion of this board, that the rations directed by the resolutions of the house, of the 22d December last, are not issuable, nor the value thereof payable, to the militia, except when employed on actual service; which is considered to be, when on duty out of the limits of the parish to which they respectively belong.”

*“At a meeting of the commissioners of public accounts, held the 30th January, 1800.*

*Resolved,*

“That the chairman of this board be directed to submit to the house, the foregoing resolution, and to request that the house will be pleased to take the same into consideration, and direct the board how to proceed thereon.”

*Ordered,*

That the above two resolutions be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Committee on state of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report 15 resolutions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported fifteen resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to come to the following resolution, “Resolved, That this house, in resolving on the 22d day of December last, that the militia should be allowed pay when on actual service, thereby intended that the keeping of guard by the militia should be considered as actual service, and entitle them to receive pay and rations accordingly; and, that the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, do make out foras of pay-bills for the cavalry and infantry, pursuant to this resolution.”

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 20*l.* to Hugh Clough, hospital surgeon and keeper of the medical store, in full for one year’s lodging-money.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 44*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* to colonel Fead, for sundry disbursements in making a room for the police inspectors, for repairing the officer’s mats-room, and in painting the officers and gunners quarters, at Fort-Charles, agreeably to the report from the committee of accounts, of 18th December last.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax

poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to Thomas Ashmeade, in full for the hire of a sloop, to convey a detachment of the 83d regiment to St. Ann's Bay and Montego-Bay, agreeably to the report from the committee of accounts, of 18th December last.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 19*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* to James Jones, esquire, in full for waggonage of sundry provisions for the 18th regiment of light dragoons, in the year 1795, agreeably to the report from the committee of accounts, of 18th December last.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 39*l.* 15*s.* to Thomas Morley, in full for the maintenance and lodging of ten non-commissioned officers of the 83d regiment, for ten days, agreeably to the report from the committee of accounts, of the 18th December last.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 159*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* to James Stewart, late deputy-marshal, for monies advanced by him, for the subsistence and lodging of French prisoners of war, for furnishing them with shoes, and for the hire of negroes to supply them with wood and water, agreeably to the report from the committee of accounts, of the 18th December last.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 41*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* to the officers of the 67th regiment, in full of the account for lodging-money, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor, this session.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 71*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Seba Shelly, as attorney to Thomas Jenkins, for the hire of negroes to act as pioneers, in supplying a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at St. Ann's Bay, with wood and water, from 28th March, 1798, to 14th March, 1799; agreeably to the report from the committee of accounts, of the 18th December last.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 150*l.* to Robert Jackson, captain of Fort-Charlotte, for pay and lodging-money to 31st December last.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 507*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* to the commanding officer of the 67th regiment, the amount of a contingent account accrued to 30th November last.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 58*l.* 15*s.* to James Thomas Riley, administrator of John Lloyd Bishop, deceased, in full of the balance due for carpenters' work, performed at the St. Ann's barrack, and the St. Ann's barrack hospital, as by his petition to the house this session.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 577*l.* to the order of the commander in chief, in full for the expence of keeping the arms belonging to the island clean, and in repair, for the present year.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 42*l.* to captain Dalhousie, in full of the expence incurred in procuring water for the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, at Fort-Augusta; and that the receiver-general be directed to deduct the same from any monies in his hands, applicable to the order of the representatives of John Newland, deceased, on account of supplying the troops at the said fort with water.

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15. That it be recommended to the house, to refer back the contingent account of the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, sent down to the house by his honour the lieutenant-governor this session, to the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 31<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, 1800.

Small debts bill  
passed.

*Prayers.* THE engrossed bill to repeal the seventh clause of an act entitled, "An act for the further relief of insolvent debtors, imprisoned for debt," was read the third time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Amended prize-  
goods bill, read se-  
cond time.

The bill to explain and amend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, "An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island," was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole house, on Tuesday next.

Army baggage bill,  
read second time.

The bill for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, was read a second time :

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, on Tuesday next.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Reid.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Reid, mentioning, that on account of indisposition, he was unable to attend his duty in the house, and requesting leave of absence for the remainder of the session :

*Ordered,*

That he have leave of absence for the remainder of the session, accordingly.

The resolution moved in the house, on the 17th day of December last, that it be  
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An instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the post-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Peter Grant, esquire, comptroller of his majesty's customs at Montego Bay, the sum of 40%. to be by him paid to the clerks in the custom-house at the said port, for their trouble in making out the returns ordered by the house to be sent from thence, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 40%  
to comptroller at  
Montego-Bay,  
agreed to.

The report made to the house on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December last, from the committee, to whom the petition of John Lodge, of the parish of Kingston, cabinet-maker, was referred, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 140%  
to John Lodge,  
agreed to.

Mr. Fitch, from the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had, in obedience to the resolution of the house of yesterday, made out forms of pay-bills, in lieu of rations, for the cavalry and infantry of the militia of this island, which are hereunto annexed :

Report from com-  
missioners of public  
accounts.

A PAY-BILL, in lieu of rations, for the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates,  
of troop of horse, under the command of colonel for  
themselves and horses, upon guard at for 24 hours, on the  
and days of  
Names. Names.

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at 5s. each - £.

Horses, at 5s. each

£.

I, captain or commanding officer of make  
oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, that the above pay-bill, for rations, contains a  
just and true representation of the names of the several officers, non-commissioned  
officers, and privates, and number of horses, of the troop commanded by me, and  
of the time they were on guard doing duty in the said troop; and that no time is  
charged in going to, or returning from, guard, to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

Sworn before me, the day of

I certify the truth of the above pay-bill for rations.

, colonel or commanding officer.

A PAY-BILL, in lieu of rations, for the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates,  
of company, in the regiment of militia, under the  
command of colonel upon guard at for 24  
hours, on the and days of  
Names. Names.

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at 5s. each - £.

I, captain or commanding officer of make  
oath, that the above pay-bill, for rations, contains a just and true representation  
of the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, in the com-  
pany

pany commanded by me, and of the time they were on guard, doing duty in the said regiment; and that no time is charged in going to, or returning from, guard, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn before me, this                      day of

I certify the truth of the above pay-bill for rations.

, colonel or commanding officer.

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the report:

*Ordered,*

To be published.

That the above report, and also the two resolutions of the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, yesterday laid before the house, and the first resolution of the same day, reported from the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island, and agreed to by the house, be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for one month.

Report from committee of accounts.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had examined the account of Seba Shelly, and are of opinion, that he ought to be paid the sum of 37*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*

That they had postponed the consideration of the accounts of captain Campbell, of Fort-Montego, and of captain Schroeter, of Fort-Balcarras, for contingent charges, they not being accompanied with sufficient vouchers:

That they had examined the account of captain Lawson, paymaster of the first battalion of the 60th regiment, and find in it several charges which it has not been usual to allow; but, in consideration of that regiment having been landed in a dreadful condition, occasioned by an infectious fever, the committee submit to the house the propriety of paying for the following particulars; namely,

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For the hire of 14 boats, at 6 <i>s.</i>	-	-	-	42	0	0
4 pick-axes and 2 shovels	-	-	-	6	13	4
67 <i>lbs.</i> rope, 86 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> —wharfage, 15 <i>s.</i>	-	-	-	5	1	8
hire of a wain and carts	-	-	-	4	7	6—58
					2	6

That the committee further recommend payment to be made, of 37*l.* for two canoes, which were lost in landing the baggage of the said regiment, at Fort-Augusta:

That the committee submit to the consideration of the house, a charge of 138*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for woollen clothing belonging to the said regiment, which the physician-general ordered to be burnt to prevent infection; and, although this island may be bound to pay for the clothing of this regiment, the committee are at a loss to determine at what time this engagement ought to take place:

And that there is also a charge of 19*l.* 15*s.* paid for a hogthead of vinegar, used to prevent infection, which the committee are of opinion should be paid.

*Ordered,*

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Committee on state of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr.

1800.

Veneris, 31<sup>o</sup> Januarii.

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Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported two resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 30*l.* to George Innes, late captain of a company of black shot, fitted out from the parish of Trelawny, in full compensation for his services to the public, and of expences incurred by him in that capacity.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the officers of the 67th regiment of foot (the commanding officer excepted) additional lodging-money, at the rate of 1*l.* *per annum*, from the time of their arrivals in this island respectively, to the 31st day of December last.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Martis, 4<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

Prayers. **M**R. Speaker laid before the house, a letter from Mr. Taylor, intimating the impossibility of his being able, at present, to attend to his duty in the house, on account of the public business in which he is engaged; and requesting leave of absence until he can attend:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Taylor have leave of absence, accordingly.

Leave of absence to Mr. Taylor.

The order of the day, for the house to appoint a special committee to inquire what effect the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here, and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house, being read;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Grant, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Murphy, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Quier, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), and Mr. Ker, be a committee for that purpose; that five be a quorum; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

Committee of inquiry into effects of martial law,

appointed.

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A motion

Motion to discharge  
call of the house,

A motion being made, that the order for the call of the house be discharged :

The house divided :

The ayes went forth :

Ayes, 10 ; noes, 15.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Re-committed  
Voce's read bill  
read first time.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, to whom the bill for granting a toll on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes, was re-committed to be reconsidered, reported the same ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report 3 resolutions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported three resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows :

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 200*l.* to Andrew Wills, in consideration of his meritorious services to the public.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petition of the wives and children of Richard Reid, a maroon, presented to the house this session.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 37*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* to Seba Shelly, in full of his account presented to the house this session.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Amended prize-  
goods bill commit-  
ted ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to explain and amend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, " An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island : "

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shaw took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported ;

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, " An act to explain and amend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, ' An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island. ' "

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The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island: Army baggage bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Quier took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Quier, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island.*" Engrossed.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

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Mercurii, 5<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

**Papers.** THE engrossed bill to explain and amend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, "*An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and lading certain prize-goods in this island,*" was read the third time: Amended prize-goods bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, was read the third time: Army baggage bill passed.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Henry, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bills, and also the engrossed bill of Friday last, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill for granting a toll on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes, was read a second time: Voce's road bill, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island: Committee on state of the island,

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report 4 resolutions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported four resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the paymaster of the first battalion of the 60th regiment, the following sums; *viz.* the sum of 58*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for boat-hire, and sundry articles provided for the use of the said battalion, the sum of 37*l.* paid by him for two canoes, which were lost in landing the regimental baggage at Fort-Augusta; the sum of 138*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* the value of certain woollen clothing, which was burnt by order of the physician-general, as a means to prevent the spreading infection of the malignant fever; the sum of 19*l.* 15*s.* the charge made for a hoghead of vinegar; and the sum of 103*l.* 10*s.* for the hire of a mews cart, from 8th May to 30th November, 1799.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to allow the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to postpone the consideration of the accounts of contingent charges, annexed respectively to the petitions of captain Henry Schroeter, of Fort Balcarres, and of captain Campbell, of Fort-Montego, the same not being accompanied with sufficient vouchers.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct the commissioners of correspondence to write to the agent, that the memorial of doctor Jaffray has been taken into consideration; that the proposal of doctor Jaffray is of the highest consequence to the agricultural interests of this island; that it will be proper a well instructed workman, with the necessary apparatus for the new mode of distillation discovered by doctor Jaffray, should be sent here forthwith; and that, on due proof of the merits of this discovery, as shall be hereafter reported by a committee to be appointed for ascertaining thereof, this or any future assembly will liberally reward the said doctor Jaffray, on his making known the theory and practice of the said discovery.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 125*l.* to the order of the former commissioners of police at Kingston, in full of the balance for expences incurred to 30th April, 1799.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A member communicates a letter respecting missionaries.

Mr. Taylor, in his place, laid before the house, an extract of a letter addressed to him from David Dick, esquire, dated "Edinburgh, 14th November, 1799;" which being read, is as follows:

"I have just learned that a large body of missionaries embark for Jamaica in the ship Moreland, to sail in January; I do not know what doctrine they may pretend to preach, but I know that their strenuous advocates and supporters are for no less than a total abolition of slavery: and, whatever outward professions they may make, I am well assured their hidden sentiments are the same. I rather conceive, therefore, that their introduction will be pregnant with mischief to the colony, and have thought it my duty to give you the earliest intelligence I could, on this head.

"By

"By the *Pomona*, from Glasgow, I shall ship you some of the missionary magazines, that will give you an idea of the sect intended to be introduced amongst you."

*Ordered,*

That the above extract be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

*Ordered,*

That the honourable Henry Shirley, a member of the house, do attend the committee, appointed to inquire what effects the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining, to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock, in the assembly-room.

Mr Shirley to attend martial law committee.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Tobis, 6<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

*Prayers.* THE house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for granting a toll on Voco's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes:

Voco's road bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Henry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Reported;*

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for granting a toll on Voco's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes.*"

*Engrossed.*

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to acquaint the house, that the declaration of martial law, recommended by their message of the 21<sup>st</sup> December last, and subsequent council of war, induced him to take some strong measures, attaching infinite responsibility to himself, but which he did not

Message from his honour, with a narrative of proceedings during martial law;

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hesitate

hesitate to assume, on the conviction that he was acting in accordance with the general wish of the island :

“ That the commander in chief thought it advisable to form into a corps, all those able-bodied French male negro slaves, who are competent to serve his majesty in a military capacity, out of this island ; and his honour ventured to name to it, as officers, those respectable gentlemen who had so bravely and honourably signalized themselves, in his majesty’s military service in St. Domingo ; but who, by the evacuation of the British posts, had been reduced to unmerited and unspeakable distress :

“ That the negroes so embodied amount to	-	-	400
“ Negroes, who accompanied them, but are unfit for military service, amount to	-	-	120
“ Sent, during the period of martial law, to Cuba and the United States	-	-	100
“ Sent to Trinidad, of all ages	-	-	350
“ Collected at Fort-Augusta, on their way to Honduras Bay	-	-	6
“ Total			976

“ That no male French negroes, or male French people of colour, exceeding twelve years of age, can be found in this island, unless in direct contradiction to the general orders issued during martial law :

“ That all white persons, who have failed in procuring the fullest testimonials of their good conduct, have left the island :

“ That the magistrates of Kingston have sanctioned the residence of 177 persons in that town, who have been there employed in industrious and laudable pursuits :

“ That the commander in chief has also in his possession a report, very ably drawn up, and under the most respectable authorities, of all Frenchmen now resident here of high condition and good conduct ; or, persons of good conduct, but of a lower condition in life : In this report, the situation, the connections, and the professions, of all those who have been permitted to remain in the island, are fully described, and can be resorted to on any occasion :

“ That the numbers in this list amount to 222 ; which, with the 177, as above, makes the total 399.

“ To this list ought to be added those planters, and overseers, who are settled in the mountains and interior, having police tickets in due form, and since counter-signed by two magistrates in their neighbourhood.”

on motion and division,

And a motion being made, that the house do immediately resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration the above message :

The house divided :

The noes went forth :

Ayes,

*Ayes, 16; noes, 13.*

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the house resolved itself into such committee :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. W. Mitchell took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. W. Mitchell, from the committee, reported one resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, *nem. con.* and is as follows :

referred to committee of whole house, immediately, and

one resolution reported.

That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to express the high sense the house entertains of his honour's meritorious exertions, during the late martial law, in order to protect this island against a dangerous conspiracy, attempted to be formed by persons specially sent to this island, for that purpose, by the agent of the French directory, in St. Domingo ; to return his lordship the sincere and grateful thanks of the house, for the unexampled assiduity and attention which he has paid to the safety of this valuable colony ; and to assure his honour, that if any circumstance has obliged him to give orders that may be deemed contrary to the existing laws of the island, the house, fully convinced that it has been done from motives, solely arising from his honour's anxiety for our security, is ready to sanction all such measures as have been adopted by his honour :

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. G. Cuthbert, be a committee for that purpose.

*Resolved, nem. con.*

That the thanks of this house be given to the honourable lieutenant-general Taylor, a member of the house, for his zealous and indefatigable exertions during the late martial law ; and that the same be communicated by Mr. Speaker to general Taylor, in his place, after the humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, this day ordered to be prepared, shall have been presented.

Vote of thanks to lieutenant-general Taylor.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Taylor and Mr. Fitch be added to the committee, appointed to inquire what effect the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description ; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here, and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house :

Two members added to martial law committee.

*Resolved,*

That the said committee be authorized to hire a clerk ; the expence of which this house will make good.

Committee to hire a clerk.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they agree to the bill entitled, *An act to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized; and for the purposes therein mentioned, with the following amendment :*

Message from council, on Kaylet's trust bill.

“ A:

"At the end of the first line of the third sheet, insert the words, 'situate in the town of Kingston.'"

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the amendment proposed by the council to the said bill.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.  
KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Veneris, 7° die Februarii, 1800.

Voce's road bill  
passed.

*Prayers.* THE engrossed bill for raising a toll on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council,  
on Kaylet's trust  
bill.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint your honours, that they have agreed to the amendment made by your honours, to the bill entitled, *An act to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, situate in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized; and for the purposes therein mentioned; and have amended the bill accordingly.*"

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Henry and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) be a committee to carry the above message and bill, and also the engrossed bill of this day, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the said bill; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Address to his hon-  
our reported;

Mr. Taylor, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read;

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said address be engrossed.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Engrossed address

The engrossed address to his honour the lieutenant-governor was read, in the words following:

"JAMAICA,

" JAMAICA, ff.

" *To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same,*

" THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" We, his majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects; the assembly of Jamaica, beg leave to express to your honour, the high sense we entertain of the meritorious exertions which were employed by your honour, during the late martial law, to protect this island against the dangerous conspiracy, which persons specially sent by the agents of the French directory attempted to form; and to return your honour our sincere and grateful thanks, for the unexampled assiduity and attention which you have paid to this valuable colony: We assure your honour, that if any circumstances have obliged you to give orders, or make regulations, which can in any manner be deemed contrary to the existing laws of the island, we are fully convinced, that such conduct has originated from an anxious desire, on the part of your honour, to provide for our security; and we are ready to give our sanction to all such measures."

*Resolved,*

That the said address do pass.

*passed.*

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble address to present, they desire to know when your honour will please to be attended.*" *Message to his honour.*

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Lyon be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole house, went up to attend his honour the lieutenant-governor, to present their address; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant governor, and presented their address, to which his honour was pleased to return an answer; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

*House attend his honour, and present address.*

" MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

" *I receive, with the most sensible satisfaction and gratitude, the compliment which you have been pleased to pay me in your address.*

" *In discharging the various duties entrusted to my vigilance and care, my attention has ever been directed to the promoting the honour, the happiness, and the security, of this valuable island.*" *Lieutenant-governor's answer.*

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*"After five years arduous duty in your service, such a distinguished mark of your favour and approbation, has filled the measure of my ambition, and placed me in a situation almost beyond my hopes to attain."*

Thanks of the house  
to lieutenant-general  
Taylor.

Mr. Speaker gave the thanks of the house to lieutenant-general Taylor, in his place, in the following manner :

"LIEUTENANT-GENERAL TAYLOR,

"I have at all times infinite pleasure in the discharge of my duty, by an obedience to the orders of this house ; but, upon no occasion can the execution of such orders give me greater satisfaction than at present, when I inform you, that your conduct during the late martial law has received the unanimous approbation of your country. I am ordered by the house, sir, to give you their thanks for your zealous and indefatigable services during that period ; and I do give you the thanks of the house accordingly."

Lieutenant-general  
Taylor's answer.

To which lieutenant-general Taylor returned the following answer :

"MR. SPEAKER,

"The honour which the house have been pleased to confer upon me, by their unanimous vote of thanks, impresses on my mind the most lively sentiments of gratitude, and will ever be remembered by me with pride and satisfaction : My exertions in the service of the country, during the late martial law, were directed by a sense of duty. To you, sir, I beg to offer the tribute of acknowledgment, for the very flattering manner in which you have been pleased to communicate the resolution of the house."

Bill to prevent seditious  
practices presented.

Mr. Quier, in his place, presented to the house, a bill for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion, in this island ; and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Report from board  
of works.

Mr. Shirley, from the commissioners of the board of works, reported,

That, in obedience to the orders of the house, they have caused such alterations and additions to be made to the different barracks and public buildings, in the course of last year, as were necessary :

That the difficulty of forming an estimate of the repairs annually wanted, with any degree of accuracy, is considerably augmented, by the increased, and still increasing, price of labour and materials of every description : The commissioners therefore recommend to the house, to permit the sum of 3660*l.* 16*s.* 2*½**l.* which appears to be the actual balance applicable to the order of the board, after discharging all the existing contracts and engagements for public work, to remain as a fund for any unforeseen demands, which may be made in the course of the present year ; and which are not specified in the report of the surveyor of public works :

That the same reasons which induced the commissioners, in their last general report, to recommend to the house to postpone ordering a new gaol to be erected in the county of Surrey, still exist : The commissioners, however, are induced to submit to the consideration of the house, whether it might not be expedient to authorize the board of works to purchase a large house, in the town of Kingston, which might be converted into a gaol, at one fourth part of the expence which would attend erecting a new one :

That the surveyor of public works having visited all the barracks and buildings throughout

throughout the island, has laid before the board a report of their state and condition, and an estimate of the repairs for the present year; a copy whereof is hereunto annexed: They have also annexed a report made by a sub-committee, appointed to visit the barracks at Stoney-hill, and have great satisfaction in calling the attention of the house to the industry of the regiment stationed there, which affords so pleasing a prospect of the facility with which they will be settled in the interior of the country, when their term of service shall have expired: The commissioners strongly recommend to the house to enable them to comply with the suggestions contained in the report of their sub-committee, as a compensation to the officers and men for their past labour, and as an encouragement to future exertions:

That the commissioners have annexed to this report two petitions, one of John Mitchell, of the parish of Trelawny, merchant, praying payment of an account amounting to 29*cl.* 1*9s.* 3*d.* for the hire of a vessel for a powder magazine, at the rate of 30*cl.* *per annum*; and the other of Samuel Shepherd, of the same parish, shipwright, praying payment of an account amounting to 96*cl.* 1*9s.* 9*d.* for attending and taking care of the said powder magazine:

That the house will immediately observe, that the board of works have no authority to pay those accounts, which have accrued without their order or sanction; they, however, referred the consideration of them to a committee, and have annexed a copy of their report:

That, should the house think proper to order the different articles of public work, stated in the report of the surveyor of public works, to be performed, it will be necessary that a sum not exceeding 12,000*l.* should be granted to the order of the commissioners, for that purpose, exclusive of the sum to be granted to the officers and men of the 60th regiment, at Stoney-Hill; which will amount to 1400*l.* or thereabouts:

That, in the foregoing estimate, no provision is made for the barracks proposed to be erected in the interior of the country, as soon as the lands for that purpose shall have been purchased; and, as the commander in chief, in the year 1793, intimated to the board his intention of stationing two companies of the 60th regiment in the interior, as soon as quarters could be procured for them, the commissioners beg leave to suggest to the house, the propriety of granting a sum not exceeding 4000*l.* to their order, on that account:

That the commissioners have further to represent to the house, that the vote of credit of 4000*l.* to enable them to erect barracks at Port-António, is found to be insufficient; they therefore recommend to the house, to grant a sum not exceeding 20,000*l.* which will comprise, as well the orders already given, as also all the different objects stated in this report.

*Spanish-Town, 5th December, 1799.*

In obedience to the order of the board, the surveyor of public works has inspected the state of the different barracks and public buildings throughout the island, and reports as follows:

#### SPANISH-TOWN.

*King's house.*—The whole of the bed-rooms, in the front and back part of the building, require to be papered and painted; the doors require new locks and hinges; the long supper-room wants a complete set of forms, with cook-room tables or dressers, with several other small articles; 500*l.*

*Public buildings.*—The roof requires to be new shingled; several of the rafters  
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are decayed, and will require new ones; the greatest part of the front piazza is entirely decayed, and wants immediate repair; two new doors and new frames for the court-house and assembly-room; several other partial repairs which are absolutely necessary; the whole of the building to be coloured and painted; 2000*l*.

*Barracks and dragoon stables.*—From the late repairs those buildings have undergone, a sum not exceeding 300*l*. will be sufficient for the ensuing year.

#### PORT-ROYAL.

*Fort-Charles.*—The soldiers' guard-house wants eight new window frames and shutters, with a new door for the black hole:

*The soldiers' barracks.*—The upper story is in good repair; platforms complete; the platforms in the lower story are in many parts decayed, and require to be repaired; several new window frames and shutters are wanted; also 12 tables and 18 forms; the whole of the building requires to be white-washed:

*Hospital.*—Forty cradles, two tables, and four benches, wanted: Several parts of the floor have given way, and want repair; the whole to be white-washed, and the jealousies to be painted: *Fort-Charles, the soldiers' barracks, and hospital*, 600*l*.

*Apothecaries-Battery.*—The roof of the officers' room requires to be new shingled, and the rooms painted; a small wharf at the south-west cistern, for landing the water, is absolutely necessary, as, in bad weather, it is impossible to get boats to land the water safely; 400*l*.

*Fort-Augusta.*—The officers' old barracks require to be painted; great part of the plaster has given way, and will require to be repaired; the lower rooms all want new flooring:

The officers' new barracks, from being lately converted to an hospital for the reception of the sick of the 60th regiment, will require to be painted and white-washed:

The soldiers' barracks are in tolerable good repair, except the two rooms under the old mess-room, which want new floors:

A cook-room for officers and soldiers is wanted, as the old one is at present in ruins; a new arsenal for military stores is also wanted, there being no place for the island store-keeper to deposit the stores lately arrived; the present arsenal is in great decay, and not large enough: *For the whole at Fort-Augusta*, 2700*l*.

#### KINGSTON.

*Barracks.*—From the repairs lately bestowed upon this building, a sum not exceeding 200*l*. will be sufficient for the ensuing year.

#### STONE-HILL.

*Old barracks.*—Several of the posts which support the piazza are much decayed, and require to be replaced; the whole of the building to be white-washed; a new necessary is absolutely requisite, as the present one is decayed, and so offensive that the men cannot use it:

*New barracks.*—The officers' quarters require to be new shingled; the weatherboarding of the front piazza is decayed and wants repair, as do also the window frames and shutters; the whole of the building wants white-washing and painting; the necessary wants a new roof, the present one being entirely decayed:

*Soldiers' barracks.*—There are 300 feet of platform wanting; the whole of the lower story requires to be new floored; the soldiers being at present obliged to lie upon the ground; tables and forms are wanted, but these being already ordered, they are not included in the amount of expence; the hearths in the cook-rooms of both the old and the new barracks require to be paved, and several of the stone pillars in those rooms to be repaired; the hospital is in good repair; there are 25 cradles

cradles wanted, but these being already ordered, are not to be included in this amount; a new mess-house included in the above; 350*l*.

## PORT-ANTONIO.

*Barracks*.—The officers' quarters are in good repair; the soldiers' in bad condition, not being floored, nor are there platforms for the men to lie on; the posts that support the piazzas are decayed, and require to be taken down, and replaced with new ones; there is not a roof to the cook-room nor necessary; tables and benches are also wanted; 400*l*.

## PORT-MARIA.

*Fort-Haldane*.—Officers' and soldiers' barracks in good repair; a few tables and benches, with white washing the building, is all that will be necessary for the ensuing year; a sum not exceeding 60*l*. will be sufficient for the expence of the whole.

## ST. ANN'S.

*Barracks*.—Both soldiers' and officers' are in tolerable good repair; but, from their construction, they are deemed unhealthy; being in the form of a quadrangle, they are entirely excluded from the breeze; the expence that would be necessary to make these barracks healthy, would amount at least to 1500*l*. but, from the late mortality of the 83d regiment, whilst there, it is the wish of the commander in chief that there should be no expence incurred in altering or repairing them, as he disapproves of the situation in which they are placed.

## Falmouth, TRELAWNY.

The soldiers' barracks, fit to contain about 60 men, are in good condition; a few tables and benches, with any other trifling-repairs, for the ensuing year, will not exceed the sum of 70*l*.

## OLD MAROON-TOWN.

*Soldiers' barracks*.—Are in tolerable good repair, except a few shingles wanted in the roof, and some boards for the platforms; and, if the building was to be painted, in the method used at Montego-Bay, with lamp-oil and tar, and under-pinned with stone, it would be a good building for several years; the kitchens, both for officers and men, are under the same roof, and very improperly constructed, there being no chimnies, but a small turret roof, of about 6 inches high, to let out the smoke, which renders them very unfit for the purpose intended: The expence of building four chimnies, and a new oven, with a kitchen dresser, would amount to about 200*l*. The hospital, from its great distance from the barracks, renders it very inconvenient in wet weather for the surgeon; an apartment for him, close to the hospital, is absolutely necessary, amount of which will not exceed 100*l*. There are 25 new stretchers wanted; but there being 30 cradles in the hospital, in good repair, I think they will be sufficient, without the expence of new stretchers: On account of the frequent lightning at this place, it is necessary there should be two conductors erected, the expence of which would be about 30*l*. The whole amount of the foregoing, exclusive of under-pinning and painting the barrack, will amount to 330*l*.

## MONTEGO-BAY.

The officers' and soldiers' barracks are in very good condition, there being only painting wanting for the officers' barracks, and white-washing for the men's.

*Hospital*.—The present hospital is very small, and not fit to contain above twenty men at the most; a plan of a new one has been sent down, but an estimate of the expence has not yet been received; the amount of the repairs that may be wanting for the ensuing year, exclusive of the hospital, will be about 100*l*.

## LUCEA.

*Officers' barracks*.—Want to be under-pinned, otherwise new posts to support the building,

building, as the present ones are very much decayed; the whole of the rooms want new painting: The soldiers' barracks are in tolerable good repair; a few shingles are wanted for the roof, with tables and forms for the men; the cook-room and bake-house are in very bad condition, and will require a thorough repair; baking-tables, troughs, &c. are wanting; the amount of the expence will be about 400*l*.

A few trifling repairs are wanted for the hospital, which will not exceed 50*l*.

#### SAVANNA-LA-MAR.

*Officers' barracks.*—The floors in several places are decayed, and require to be repaired; the whole of the rooms want painting; the soldiers' barracks in very good condition, as also the hospital, cook-rooms, and stores; a few stretchers are wanted for the hospital; also two tables and four forms; the expence of the above wants, and also for the ensuing year, will not exceed 200*l*.

#### BLACK-RIVER.

The men's and officers' barracks both in good order, as also the hospital; but, there being no troops there at present, without great attention is paid to them, they will necessarily fall to decay.

#### CLARENDON.

*Barracks.*—From an estimate of repairs, sent to put the officers' and soldiers' barracks in a proper state for the reception of troops, will at least amount to 300*l*.

#### RECAPITULATION.

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<i>Spanish-Town.</i> —King's house	500
Public buildings	2,000
Barracks and dragoon stables	300
<i>Port-Royal.</i> —Fort-Charles, soldiers' barracks, &c. &c.	600
Apostles-Battery	400
Fort-Augusta	2,700
<i>Kingston.</i> —Barracks	200
<i>Stoney-Hill.</i> —Barracks, old and new, hospital, &c.	3,500
<i>Port-Antonio.</i> —Barracks	400
<i>Port-Maria.</i> —Fort-Haldane	60
<i>Falmouth.</i> —Barracks	70
<i>Old Maroon-Town.</i> —Barracks	330
<i>Montego-Bay.</i> —Barracks, hospital, &c.	100
<i>Lucca.</i> —Ditto, ditto	450
<i>Savanna-la-Mar.</i> —Ditto	200
<i>Clarendon.</i> —Ditto	300
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The surveyor of public works begs leave to submit to the consideration of the board, the great necessity, caused by the quick decay of wooden buildings in tropical climates, to have them painted on the outside, in the manner described in his report; for which purpose he would recommend a large quantity, at least 300 jars, of tar to be imported on the public account: 200 jars of which to be landed at Montego-Bay, for the use of the public buildings at the leeward part of the island, and 100 at Fort-Augusta. From the immense expence of that article in this country, it would cause a great saving to the island, as well as be the means of keeping the barracks and other public buildings in good and permanent condition.

W. FRAZER, S. P. IV.

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At the officers' new barracks at Stoney-Hill there is an apartment for the commanding officer; two rooms for captains, and eight rooms for subalterns; all of which appeared damp to your committee, particularly so the four rooms to the westward; and these rooms being adjoining to the mess-room, such officers as may be confined by sickness are extremely disturbed by it.

That the roof be repaired, and new shingled.

At the old barracks, one apartment for the commanding officer, and 4 rooms for subalterns:

That a new mess-room be built in front of the canteen, and that the present mess-room be converted into two bed-rooms:

16 apartments at present; 2 to be added:—18.

That one captain, four lieutenants, and two ensigns, the paymaster, and quartermaster, four of whom are married men, have built for themselves, and at their own expence, comfortable thatched huts: And your committee is of opinion, that such persons ought to be encouraged; and begs leave to recommend, that 50*l.* be allowed to each of them, for the having erected such huts, and that 20*l.* a-year be allowed them annually, to keep the same in repair:

That, in August last, there were quartered at Stoney-Hill, one commanding officer, ten captains, twelve lieutenants, three ensigns, and seven staff officers, in all 33 officers, and apartments only for 16; whereby 17 officers could only be provided for, by being quartered in rooms allotted to other officers, for which they consider themselves entitled to some consideration:

That 25 non-commissioned officers and 56 privates have also built huts for themselves, which your committee visited with great satisfaction, as an earnest of what their industry will produce, when they come to be settled in the interior of the country: And your committee is of opinion, that 12*l.* ought to be allowed to the non-commissioned officers, and 10*l.* to each of the men, for such huts as they have built: At the same time, your committee is of opinion, that an application ought to be made to the commander in chief, that orders be issued to the paymaster of the regiment, that whenever any transfer is made of any property in such huts and buildings, the money, originally paid by the country, be deducted from the consideration to be paid for any such transfer.

That, out of 651 non-commissioned officers and privates, there are only 39 who have wives with them in Jamaica; but your committee find, that 22 non-commissioned officers and privates have wives in Europe, whom they are anxious to have here; the more so, as they now understand that they are to be settled in the interior of the country.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

*To the honourable the board of works of Jamaica,*

*The humble petition of JOHN MITCHELL, of the parish of Trelawny, merchant, Sheweth,*

That the public of this island is indebted unto your petitioner, in the sum of 29*l.* 1*9s.* 3*d.* as by a reference to the account hereunto annexed, will more fully appear:

Petition of John Mitchell.

Your petitioner therefore prays, that your honourable board will take the same into consideration, and grant unto your petitioner such relief as to you, in your wisdom, may seem fit.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN MITCHELL.

*Falmouth,*

Falmouth, 25th November, 1799.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN MITCHELL, Dr.

To hire of a vessel for a powder magazine, from 6th December, 1798, l. s. d.  
to date, at 300l. per annum, 290 19 3

I do certify, that the above vessel has been employed as a magazine, from the 6th December last.

ROBERT BELL, colonel Trelawny regiment.

JAMAICA, ff.

To the honourable the board of works of Jamaica,

The humble PETITION of SAMUEL SHEPHERD, of the parish of Trelawny, shipwright,

Sheweth,

Petition of S. Shepherd.

That the public of this island is indebted unto your petitioner, in the sum of 96l. 19s. 9d. as by a reference to the account hereunto annexed, will more fully appear:

Your petitioner therefore prays, that your honourable board will take the same into consideration, and grant unto your petitioner such relief as to you, in your wisdom, may seem fit.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

SAMUEL SHEPHERD.

Falmouth, 25th November, 1799.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To SAMUEL SHEPHERD, Dr.

To attending and taking care of the powder magazine, from 6th December, 1798, to date, at 100l. per annum - - - 96 19 9

I do certify, that Samuel Shepherd has taken care of the powder magazine, from the 6th December last.

ROBERT BELL, colonel Trelawny regiment.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

Report from sub-committee.

Your committee, appointed to report upon the petitions and accounts of John Mitchell and Samuel Shepherd, have examined the same, and do find, that the petitioner John Mitchell hath employed the vessel mentioned in his account, for the purpose of a powder magazine, and that, as there is no magazine on shore to receive gunpowder, conformably to law, your committee are of opinion, that the said accounts are just, and ought to be paid.

Annual statement.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To THE BOARD OF WORKS,

Dr.

1799.

	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
Mar. 15. To an order, in favour of Edward Evans, for work done at Fort-Charlotte barracks, Lucea	360	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$			
To a ditto, in favour of John M <sup>r</sup> Intosh, for lumber supplied Edward Evans, for the use of Fort-Charlotte barracks, Lucea	184	0	0			
To a ditto, in favour of Jaques, Laing, and Ewing, and Hugh Bogle and company, for lumber supplied Hume and Balfour,						

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*Veneris, 7<sup>o</sup> Februarii.*

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	for the use of the barracks at the Apostles-Battery, by order of the board	-	79	0	0		
Mar. 15.	To an order, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the king's house	24	1	5½			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the new barracks and riding-school, in Spanish-Town	-	18	14	5		
	To a ditto, in favour of James Jones, carpenter, for work done at the barracks in Kingston	-	6	0	0		
	To a ditto, in favour of George Marshall, for 6 boxes wax lights, supplied for the use of the public	-	50	15	0		
	To a ditto, in favour of the representatives of John Welsh, deceased, for sinking a well in Spanish-Town barrack-yard, agreeable to contract	-	750	0	0	— 1473	2 3¼
29.	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of the board	-	30	0	0		
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the 20th light dragoon barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of ditto	17	16	3			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the public buildings in Spanish-Town, by order of ditto	-	15	12	6		
	To a ditto, in favour of William Fenwick, for winding up and keeping in repair the clock at the new barracks in Spanish-Town, for one year, due the 17th February last	-	15	0	0	— 78	8 9
April 5.	To a ditto, in favour of James Duthie, for masons work done at Fort-Haldane barracks	-	125	10	0		
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the barracks in Spanish-Town and Apostles-Battery	-	13	11	6	— 139	1 6
26.	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the new barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of the board	-				11	16 8
May 10.	To a ditto, in favour of Robert and William Hunter, for work done at the barracks at Fort-Balcarras, by order of ditto	232	18	10			
	To a ditto, in favour of William Melvin, for work done at Montego-Bay barracks, by order of ditto	-	103	18	6		
	To a ditto, in favour of John Strachan, for sundry puncheons supplied for the use of the barracks at Montego-Bay, by order of ditto	-	20	0	0		
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for						

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	erecting a shed at the barrack-yard, in Spanish-Town, by order of the board	50	0	0			
May 10.	To an order, in favour of Alexander Campbell, for masons work done at the king's house, public buildings, and barracks, in Spanish-Town, by order of the board	34	5	0	—	440	12 4
17.	To a ditto, in favour of Isaac Soares, for 3 large vase lamps, supplied by him for the use of the king's house, by order of ditto					30	0 0
31.	To a ditto, in favour of M <sup>r</sup> Farlane and Warden, for carpenters work done at the admiral's pen	332	5	6½			
	To a ditto, in favour of the treasurer of Kingston workhouse, for the hire of sundry negroes, in repairing the fences at the admiral's pen	300	0	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of Philip Givan, for work done at Fort-Augusta, agreeable to contract	102	0	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of William Bullock, for so much paid by him at the stamp-office, for stamping 30 blank bonds, by order of the board	15	0	0	—	949	5 6½
June 7.	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the island store, by order of ditto	28	14	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the new barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of ditto	37	15	0	—	66	9 0
21.	To a ditto, in favour of Bigam and Ellison, for divers articles of lumber and ironmongery, supplied by them for the use of the St. Ann's barracks, by order of the sub-committee of that parish	192	13	7			
	To a ditto, in favour of Edward Thomas, for work done at the Kingston barracks, by order of the commanding officer quartered there	18	18	4			
	To a ditto, in favour of M <sup>r</sup> Farlane and Warden, for work done at the Kingston barracks, by order of ditto	12	2	6	—	223	14 5
July 5.	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the dragoon stables and riding-house, by order of the commanding officer of the 20th regiment light dragoons	16	2	1			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for repairing stretchers for the use of the hospital of 67th regiment, by order of the board	8	15	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of John Francis Par-						

	ker. for white-washing the theatre, by order of the board	l. s. d.	nl. s. d.
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July 5.	To an order, in favour of Alexander Campbell, for white-washing the barracks at Fort-Augusta, by order of ditto	20 0 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for masons work done at the king's house, by order of ditto	44 10 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of Robert Pitcairn, for making a pair of gates for the yard of the island store. by order of ditto	19 10 0	
	To a ditto in favour of major Aindlie, for 3 huts built at Stoney-Hill, by the officers of the 60th regiment under his command, by order of ditto	90 0 0	408 7 1
12.	To a ditto, in favour of M <sup>r</sup> Farlane and Warden, for repairing the Kingston barracks, agreeable to contract	550 0 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of Alexander Campbell, for taking down and re-building an oven at the Spanish-Town barracks, by order of the board	18 10 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for repairing 7 stretchers for the use of the hospital of 67th regiment, by order of ditto	5 5 0	573 15 0
26.	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for making 60 stretchers, and finding materials, agreeable to contract	255 0 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for repairing the fence round the theatre, by order of the board	28 12 4	283 12 4
Aug. 2.	To a ditto, in favour of Campbell and M <sup>r</sup> Intyre, for repairing the fire-hearths at the Spanish-Town barracks, agreeable to contract	72 10 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the Spanish-Town barracks, by order of the commanding officer of the 20th regiment light dragoons	15 10 0	88 0 0
Sept. 20.	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for shingling the king's house, agreeable to contract	871 0 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for repairing the roof of Stoney-Hill barracks, by order of the board	49 15 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of Robert Pitcairn, for shingling the barrack cook-room in Spanish-Town, agreeable to contract	180 10 0	
	To a ditto, in favour of John Falconer, for		

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	fundry repairs at the Westmorland barracks, by order of the sub-committee of that parish	-	-	-	220	11	2½	—1321	16	2½
Sept. 27.	To an order, in favour of the honourable James Jones, for the hire of 26 waggons, employed in bringing ordnance stores and ammunition to Spanish-Town	195	0	0						
	To a ditto, in favour of the reverend Robert Stanton Woodham, for one year's rent of a piece of land, on which part of the light dragoon stables are erected, due the 17th July last	-	-	-	50	0	0			
	To 4 ditto, in favour of John Butter, for framing and putting together platforms in the new barracks, at Spanish-Town, agreeable to contract	-	-	-	390	0	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for fundry repairs at the barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of the commanding officer of the 67th regiment	-	-	-	10	16	8			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of the commanding officer of the 20th light dragoons	-	-	-	19	12	6			
	To a ditto, in favour of Alexander Arthur, for lengthening and repairing the wharf at Fort-Augusta, agreeable to contract	364	0	0						
	To a ditto, in favour of Campbell and M'Intyre, for masons work done at the hospital, occupied by his majesty's 67th regiment	-	-	-	18	15	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for white-washing, and fundry repairs at, the light dragoon hospital	-	-	-	18	12	6			
	To a ditto, in favour of Robert Holmes, for one year's rent of a store, bake-house, and oven, used by his majesty's 83d regiment	80	0	0						
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for fundry repairs at the Fort-Balcarras barracks, by order of the sub-committee for the parish of Trelawny	-	-	-	98	0	0	—1244	16	8
Oct. 3.	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for fitting up an officers' guard-room at the new barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of the board	-	-	-					36	9 2
11.	To a ditto, in favour of quartermaster James Smith, of the 83d regiment, for fundry repairs at Lucea barracks, by order of the commanding officer								13	17 8
25.	To a ditto, in favour of Campbell and									

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	M'Intyre, for repairs at the gaol in Spanish-Town, agreeable to contract	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
		25	10	0	
<i>Oct.</i> 25.	To an order, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the king's house, by order of the board		18	16	8
	To a ditto, in favour of the representatives of Francis Smart, deceased, being the balance due the estate of the deceased, for rent of a house in Spanish-Town, for holding island stores, from the 6th April last to the 6th instant		160	10	0
					<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i> 204 16 8
<i>Nov.</i> 8.	To a ditto, in favour of Matthew Northam, for work done at St. Ann's barracks, by order of the sub-committee of that parish		291	6	0
	To a ditto, in favour of Fenton and Levers, for work done at St. Ann's barracks, by order of the sub-committee of that parish		20	5	10
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for carpenters' work at the gaol in Spanish-Town, agreeable to contract		95	0	0
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the king's house, by order of the board		52	5	0
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done in and about the house of assembly, by order of ditto		28	12	2
					487 9 0
15.	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of the commanding officer of the 67th regiment		19	4	2
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the hospital and barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of ditto		18	8	4
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the barracks, in Spanish-Town, by order of the commanding officer of the 20th light dragoons		15	15	10
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the new barracks in Spanish-Town, by order of ditto		8	7	6
					61 15 10
29.	To a ditto, in favour of Blackburn and Sheppard, for masons' work done at Montego-Bay barracks, agreeable to contract		200	0	0
	To a ditto, in favour of Campbell and M'Intyre, for sundry repairs at the barracks and public buildings, in Spanish-Town, by order of the surveyor of public works		30	0	0
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for				

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	making a new door for the magazine in Spanish-Town, by order of the board	16	0	0				
Nov. 29.	To an order, in favour of the representatives of George Cooke, late of the parish of St. Catherine, deceased, for one year's rent of a piece of land adjoining the theatre	25	0	0				
	To a ditto, in favour of John Morton, on account of his contract for erecting offices and buildings on the north-east side of the parade, in Spanish-Town	-	1000	0	0	1271	0	0
Dec. 20.	To a ditto, in favour of the treasurer of St. Catherine's workhouse, for the hire of sundry negroes in removing the rubbish from north-east side of the parade in Spanish-Town	-	28	16	3			
	To a ditto, in favour of Charles Knight, for carrying an express from Spanish-Town to Portland, by order of the board	10	6	8				
	To a ditto, in favour of James Carter, for the hire of a horse express to Port-Antonic, by order of ditto	-	20	0	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of John Butter, for work done at the king's house, by order of ditto	-	14	2	6			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for work done at the arsenal and 20th light dragoon barrack, in Spanish-Town, agreeable to contract	-	263	0	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of Campbell and M'Intyre, for work done at the hospital, occupied by the 6 <sup>th</sup> regiment, agreeable to ditto	-	197	17	6			
	To a ditto, in favour of ditto, for masons' work done at the arsenal in Spanish-Town, agreeable to contract	-	38	15	0			
	To a ditto, in favour of Robert Newby, for lumber supplied for the use of the barracks at St. Ann's, by order of the sub-committee for that parish	-	60	9	7½	633	7	6½
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Jan. 17.	To a ditto, in favour of the honourable James Jones, for the hire of 3 waggons for carrying arms and ammunition from Spanish-Town to Kingston, for the public service	-						

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9,871 13 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ 7,529 13 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ 17,401 7 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, in account current with THE BOARD OF WORKS, &c.  
1799. l. s. d.

Mar. 14. By balance in the hands of the receiver-general to this day,  
as per account annexed to the report - 16,119 0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$   
15. By this much granted in the poll-tax law passed the 14<sup>th</sup>  
instant, for repairing the house and buildings at the ad-  
miral's pen - - - - - 900 0 0  
Nov. 15. By this much paid into the hands of the receiver-general  
by John Douglas, being the neat proceeds of sundry ar-  
ticles of ironmongery sold at auction, by order of the  
board - - - - - 382 7 4

17,401 7 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Balance - 7,529 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

Subject to the following deductions:

	l.	s.	d.
John Morton, for balance due on his contract for erecting public buildings in Spanish-Town	720	0	0
Thomas Williams, for balance due on his contract for ditto - - - - -	500	0	0
Repairs at the barracks at Port-Brunswick - - -	900	0	0
Nathaniel Forbes, for amount of his contract for ma- sons' work at Montego-Bay barracks - - -	170	12	6
William Melvin, for amount of his contract for car- penters' work at ditto - - -	93	5	0
Edward Lewis, contract for removing the whole of the rubbish at the north east side of the parade in Spanish-Town - - -	400	0	0
5 huts to be built at Stoney Hill - - -	150	0	0
John Butter's contract at Stoney Hill - - -	235	0	0
Annual rents of houses and lands for the public service	500	0	0
Various small orders of the board - - -	200	0	0
	3,868	17	6

Real balance - 3,660 16 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to in-  
quire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that the agent's letter to the commissioners of correspon-  
dence, of the 8th November last, and the accounts therein enclosed, be read;  
And the same being read accordingly;

Agent's letter, of  
8th November last;

Ordered,

That the said letter, and accounts, be referred to the committee of the whole  
house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Committee on state  
of the island,

Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported three resolutions, which he read in report 3 resolutions.

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his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, directing the receiver-general to retain in his hands, the sum of 2500*l.* for and on behalf of James Robertson, surveyor, the same to be payable to the said James Robertson, his heirs or assigns, for having performed a map of the county of Cornwall, when he shall have complied with the terms of his petition and proposals, presented in the year 1796, for performing a map of each county, and a general map of the island; and that he do pay to the said James Robertson, the sum of 450*l.* being for interest on the said sum of 2500*l.* and also on the sum of 5000*l.* already voted the said James Robertson, for having performed a map of the county of Surrey, and of the county of Middlesex, on the like conditions.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to come to the following resolutions:

1. That as soon as James Robertson, surveyor, shall have laid before the house a general map of the island, with the mountains properly delineated, to the satisfaction of the house, the receiver-general shall be directed to pay to the order of the said James Robertson, two-thirds of the 7500*l.* contracted for; and that the other third part shall remain in the hands of the receiver-general, until all the maps shall have been engraven: 2. That the said James Robertson shall, previously to his receiving the above sum of 5000*l.* deposit a fair copy of all his maps, at the office of the commissioners of the board of works, which shall be put in a box, under lock and key, and under the charge of the chairman of the said board, for the time being:

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, directing the receiver-general to remit to the agent, the sum of 814*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* sterling, in order to enable him to pay the accounts of messieurs Richard and Robert Shawe.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Engravings to doctor Higgins's treatise.

A member, in his place, laid before the house, an account of the charge for engraving the plates, to the second part of doctor Higgins's observations and advices on the manufacture of Muscovado sugar and rum; as also an estimate of the expence to be incurred, for the engravings proposed to be given with the third part of the same work:

*Ordered,*

That the above account and estimate be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to be examined; and that they do report their opinion thereon, to the house.

Committee to inspect Liguanea Botanic Garden.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to examine the state and condition of the Botanic Garden in Liguanea, and to make a report thereof to the house;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Murphy, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Rofs, Mr. Chief-justice, Mr. Quier, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Israel, Mr. Edwards,

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wardes, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Christie, Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Stewart (of Port Royal), Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Ker, Mr. Minot, Mr. Grant, Mr. Henry, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Johnson, Mr. C. Mitchell, and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), be a committee for that purpose; that five be a quorum; and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Henry have leave to petition the council, on the passage of the bill for raising a toll on Facc's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes.

Leave to a member to petition council.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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*Prayers.* THE bill for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island, and for other purposes, was read the second time:

Bill to prevent seditious practices, read second time.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Shirley, from the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report from commissioners of public accounts.

That the annexed statements contain an account of the sums received under the annual funds, for the year ending 30th September last; the account of public demands made up to that day, and the account of monies uncollected of the last and former years taxes; together with an account of the contingent expences of government for the year 1800, and the different grants under the money-bills; from whence they find it necessary to recommend to the house, to continue the same rate of taxes for the ensuing year, that was adopted for the last; and they present their estimate of ways and means accordingly; which they calculate will produce, not only a sufficient sum to defray the contingencies stated, but also leave some balance, applicable towards the discharge of the expences incurred by the late martial law:

That the commissioners have regularly audited and passed the receiver-general's quarterly accounts, according to law: And that they recommend to the house, to provide for the sum of 539*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* paid for various contingent expences incurred by them.

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## ESTIMATE of the WAYS and MEANS for 1800.

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Poll tax, at 10s.	-	-	-	135,000	0	0
Deficiency, of the first and second quarters	-	-	-	8,000	0	0
Rum duties	-	-	-	6,000	0	0
Land-tax	-	-	-	42,000	0	0
Negro duties	-	-	-	40,000	0	0
Stamp duties	-	-	-	30,000	0	0
Additional duties	-	-	-	10,000	0	0
Tonnage money	-	-	-	4,000	0	0
Arrears of poll tax, 1799	-	-	18,000	0	0	
of deficiency, ditto	-	-	35,000	0	0	
of land tax, ditto	-	-	1,500	0	0	
of former years	-	-	-	25,000	0	0
Surplus of the revenue	-	-	-	18,000	0	0
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				372,500	0	0
Monies to be received from sundry securities, payable in the course of the year	-	-	-	1,900	0	0
Balance of cash on the annual funds, 30th of September, 1799	-	-	182,744	11	2	
Balance of gunpowder	-	8,493	7	6		
Ditto of revenue	-	12,940	16	5	21,434	3 11
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				204,178	15	1
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				578,578	15	1
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## X ACCOUNT of MONIES received under the several MONEY-BILLS, during the four quarters ending 30th September, 1799.

<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
134,937	16	2				received under the poll-tax.
17,594	19	7				poll-tax, 1798.
<hr/>			152,532	15	9	receipts upon poll-tax, for a full year.
8,179	8	6				deficiency, 1799.
35,075	14	8				ditto, 1798.
<hr/>			43,255	3	2	ditto for a full year.
42,140	19	1				land tax, 1799.
1,894	4	4				ditto, 1798.
<hr/>			44,035	3	5	ditto for a full year.
			46,132	6	8	negro duties.
			6,300	0	2	rum duties,
			396	5	10	received on account of pay of pioneers.
			4,391	12	6	tonnage money.
			11,569	9	6	additional duties.
			17,289	6	5	surplus of revenue.
			23,399	9	8	arrears of taxes of former years.
			25,353	2	9	stamp duties.
			3,354	12	4	transient tax.
			280	0	0	fees on private bills.

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<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
10,055	3	0	debts recovered.
388,344	11	2	total receipts.
51,500	0	0	8 per cent. loan.
439,844	11	2	

## LIST of DEBTS due by the PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, 30th September, 1799.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lieutenant-governor's salary, one quarter	1125	0	0
The speaker's salary	1000	0	0
Superintendants of maroon-towns, one quarter	200	0	0
White men, at ditto, one quarter	60	0	0
Botanic Garden in Liguanea	402	17	5
Directors of the Bath	352	19	1
Captain of Fort-Augusta, two quarters	60	16	3
Lieutenant of ditto	312	10	0
Captain of Fort-George	208	11	8
Ditto of Rock-Fort	243	6	8
Commissioners for paying boat-money and negro-hire	402	0	0
Thomas Dancer, physician to the Bath, &c.	607	13	4
Deputy receiver-generals, secretaries, and naval officers, two quarters	420	0	0
Gunner and store-keeper at Fort-Augusta	25	0	0
Bryan Higgins, three quarters	1,050	0	0
Engineer of forts, &c.	849	15	0
King's plates	125	0	0
Colonel M'Murdo, quarter-master-general, subsistence, three quarters	76	10	0
Maroon negro parties	745	12	8
Clerk of the board of works, one quarter	125	0	0
Armourer's account	150	0	0
Grants to purchase horses for 20th light dragoons	1,916	6	8
A quarter's subsistence to the officers, their wives, and children	3,000	0	0
Allowance to the sick of the army	500	0	0
Due the commander in chief, for the 20th light dragoons	10,016	8	9
Commissioners of forts, &c. on the tonnage fund	7,520	13	10
Grants on roads unpaid	14,010	0	0
Free-schools, St. Jago de la Vega and Kingston	6,098	12	0
Commissioners orders outstanding on account of martial law, supposed	1,000	0	0
3½ year's interest on commissioners orders, outstanding, &c.	210	0	0
Certificates outstanding, issued 1st October, 1795	784	13	9
Ditto	1796	1,049	10 8
Ditto	1797	1,157	9 0
Ditto	1798	3,158	4 11
Ditto	1799	11,150	7 2
Interest on ditto, to 1st August	1,275	16	2
James Robertson, surveyor	5,000	0	0
Ten per cent. loan, including papers called in, to amount of 9,500 <i>l.</i>	333,000	0	0
Interest on ditto, to 30th September	2,176	5	0
8 per cent. loan	51,500	0	0

Interest

Interest on 8 per cent loan, to 30th. September	-	-	488	6	8
Quit-rent clerk	-	-	140	0	0
The clergy, say one quarter	-	-	2,800	0	0
Fund for their widows and children	-	-	1,130	0	0
Treasurer of public hospital	-	-	1,689	15	8
G. and M. Atkinson and company, agents for subsisting the troops	-	-	27,000	0	0
Commissioners of the board of works	-	-	9,886	2	3
Directors of the Milk-River Bath	-	-	1,121	19	9
Paid on account of the vote of credit for 50,000 <i>l.</i> to the commander in chief, for the 60th regiment ( <i>see poll-tax.</i> )					
			507,323	4	9
j Deduct amount of loans	-	-	375,000	0	0
			132,323	4	9

CONTINGENCIES of 1800, UNDER VARIOUS LAWS:

Lieutenant-governor's additional salary	-	4,500
Speaker's salary	-	1,000
Subsistence of the troops	-	100,000
Officers subsistence and lodging	{ subsistence, 20,300l. } { lodging, 5400l. }	25,700
Commissioners of accounts	-	900
Clerk board of works	-	570
Interest on 10 <i>per cent.</i> and 8 <i>per cent.</i> loans	-	35,000
Provision for the clergy	-	8,400
Receiver-general's commissions	-	10,000
Condemnation of slaves and increase	-	4,000
Inspectors and collectors of rum duties	-	675
Stamp office	-	1,600
Clerks of vestries	-	1,000
Purchase of gunpowder 1000 barrels	-	12,000
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Grants under the rum law, as <i>per</i> annexed statement		205,345 0 0
Ditto under the deficiency, as <i>per</i> ditto	-	6,957 1 8
Ditto under the poll-tax, as <i>per</i> ditto	-	22,159 10 11
Debts due by the public, on the 30th Sept. last, <i>per</i> ditto	-	173,115 18 2
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Exclusive of the expences of martial law		132,323 4 9
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		539,900 15 6

LIST of DEBTS due by the COLLECTING CONSTABLES, for 1798 and 1799.

	1798.			1799.			Total.		
	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Charles W. Hall, St. Andrew	1,578	14	8				1,578	14	8
William and George Dawson, ditto									
John Shaw, St. Ann	1,868	8	0	9,739	3	6	11,607	11	6
Alexander Bayley, St. Catherine				400	5	4	400	5	4
William H. Israell, Clarendon	426	1	0	7,305	18	1	7,731	19	1
Thomas Harris, St. David									
William Pearson, St. Dorothy				430	11	0	430	11	0
Matthew Smith junior, St. Elizabeth				4,540	2	0	4,540	2	0
Dominick Walsh, St. George				1,997	3	1	1,997	3	1

	1798.			1799.			Total.		
	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
William Brown, Hanover				4	101	10 8	4	101	10 8
S. B. Bowen, St. James				7	551	9 2	7	551	9 2
Samuel Tulloch, St. John				2	119	5 1	2	119	5 1
William Mellor, East Kingston				1	857	2 4	1	857	2 4
Alexander Duffus, West Kingston				1	244	0 11	1	244	0 11
John McKay, St. Mary				7	644	3 3	7	644	3 3
Holden and Smith, Portland									
Henry Pinkcombe, Port-Royal	1	629	9 7	8	42	13 10	2	472	3 5
R. Whitfinch, St. Thomas East	15	227	0 2				15	227	0 2
Johnston and Thomson, ditto									
A. Bayley, St. Thomas Vale				8	17	3 0	8	17	3 0
Wm J. Stevenson, Trelawny				4	842	6 0	4	842	6 0
Thomas Goulburn, Vere				6	083	17 5	6	083	17 5
Wm. Tomlinson, Westmorland				1	061	13 10	1	061	13 10
	20	729	13 5	62	578	8 6	83	308	1 11

## ARREARS of FORMER YEARS.

James Smith, Clarendon	-	-	-	3,000	0	0
M. Smith for R. B. Wright's estate, St. Elizabeth	-	-	-	4,323	2	4
R. Whitfinch, St. Thomas in the East	-	-	-	7,635	12	7
H. Goulburn, Vere	-	-	-	1,167	17	11
				16,126	12	10

## ACCOUNT of slaves, stock, acres of land, land and poll-tax rolls, of 1799.

	Slaves.	Stock.	Acres.	Land-tax.			Poll-tax.		
				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
St Andrew	12,933	4,910	88,335	2,208	7	7	7,436	5	0
St. Ann	21,034	25,602	207,714	5,192	17	0	14,238	2	6
St. Catherine	6 880	5,176	58 530	1,463	5	6	6,902	17	6
Clarendon	20,799	16,628	222,340	5,558	10	10	10 831	17	6
St. David	4,867	1,734	45,802	1,145	1	0	2 660	5	0
St. Dorothy	5,158	3,763	38,211	955	7	6	3,243	15	0
St. Elizabeth	18,459	27,003	283,432	7,086	13	7	13,236	2	6
St. George	10,381	4,760	106 527	2,663	3	6	5,830	10	0
Hanover	22,536	16,220	101,010	2,537	1	1	13,820	17	6
St. James	24 884	14,719	139,056	3,476	8	1	15 875	5	0
St. John	6 538	2,727	72,117	1,802	18	9	3 609	17	6
Kingston	5 440	659	2,514	62	17	6	14 634	7	6
St. Mary	24,753	16,238	110,855	2,771	7	7	14,694	10	0
Portland	6 955	2,815	54 480	1,362	0	4	4,026	5	0
Port Royal	3 914	656	20,241	506	0	6	2,532	2	6
St. Thomas in the East	28,420	13,507	135,854	3,396	7	0	16,161	7	6
St. Thomas in the Vale	9 685	6,057	76,576	1,914	8	3	5 637	12	6
Trelawny	26 976	17,101	168,490	4 212	5	3	17 041	7	6
Vere	10,893	7,401	92,246	2,306	3	4	6,900	17	6
Westmorland	20,296	18 940	151,750	3,793	15	0	13 468	15	0
	291,801	206,616	2,176,080	54,414	18	4	192,783	0	0

## APPROPRIATIONS under the several MONEY-BILLS, for 1800.

	RUM LAW.	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Race in Spanish-Town	-	162	10	0
Ditto Kingston	-	162	10	0
Ditto St. James	-	162	10	0
Chaplain to assembly	-	140	0	0
Clerk to ditto	-	1000	0	0
	U. L. L. L.	Sergeant		

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Sergeant to assembly	700	0	0
Printer to ditto	400	0	0
Thomas Wills	140	0	0
Deputy receiver-generals, deputy secretaries, and deputy naval officers	840	0	0
Clerk committee of correspondence	150	0	0
Ditto	50	0	0
Clerk commissioners forts and fortifications	150	0	0
Engineer of forts and surveyor of harbours, at 10s. per day	182	10	0
Captain Fort-Augusta, at ditto	182	10	0
Lieutenant ditto, at 5s.	91	5	0
Captain Fort George, at 6s. 8d.	121	13	4
Ditto Rock-Fort, at 6s. 8d.	121	13	4
Bath physician	200	0	0
Directors of Bath	100	0	0
Robert Sewell, esquire, agent	700	0	0
Surveyor of public works	700	0	0
Adam Dolmage	500	0	0

Amount of appropriations under rum law 6957 1 8

## DEFICIENCY BILL.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Clerk to the assembly (in lieu of fees)	150	0	0
Ditto for clerks' salaries	300	0	0
Sergeant at arms (in lieu of fees)	40	0	0
To Billy and Cudjoe, at 20l.	40	0	0
Ben and Will, at 10l.	20	0	0
Jonathan and 4 others, at 10l.	50	0	0
Deborah and 17 others, at 5l.	90	0	0
Superintendants of Moore-Town, &c.	800	0	0
Four white people	400	0	0
Treasurer of St. Jago free-school	100	0	0
Gunner and store-keeper Fort-Augusta	100	0	0
Treasurer Wolmer's Free-School	179	16	9
Ditto	120	0	0
Clerk of the crown and clerk of the supreme court	200	0	0
Clerk of the crown, further	300	0	0
Elizabeth Sylvester	50	0	0
Alexander Forbes	50	0	0
Mrs. Harrifon	70	0	0
Hugh Frafer	87	11	1½
George Murray	160	0	0
George Ruggles	28	0	0
W. Dance, D. M.	41	12	6
Adam Willis	32	11	8
John Fenton	52	15	0
Elizabeth Stoney	36	10	0
Thomas Johnston	44	6	6
Taylor and Bacon	17	12	6

William

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
William Jackson	16	0	0
Simon Adolphus	30	0	0
Blackley, Boyle, and company	13	1	3
Blackley, Boyle, and company, for Alexander Gallant	81	8	4
Ditto, for John Bromley	8	2	6
C. N. Pallmer	637	17	11
Corporation Trelawny workhouse	338	7	6
Samuel Beil	81	8	4
John Henderson	72	17	3
Estate Samuel Graham	29	0	0
W. H. Bullock	252	3	9
Brailsford and Pinkcombe	278	2	5
William Fenwick	25	0	0
Brodelt and Lee	100	0	0
Roger Dobson	55	11	10
Matthew Atkinson	1,141	10	0
President, &c. St. Ann's workhouse	93	5	0
John Maxwell	152	11	8
Benjamin Tennison	277	0	0
Dr. James Walker	211	8	3
Belinda Veitch	118	13	4
H. W. Plummer	115	0	0
John Edwards	276	8	9
William Cathcart	19	5	5
James D. Pinnock	171	13	4
G. R. Johnson	446	15	0
E. M. Whitehead	73	10	7
J. Stone, D. M.	58	10	0
Gayner and Manderfon	193	0	0
John Hewan	39	0	10
W. W. Vaughan	132	12	6
Major Gould	102	0	0
Ditto	132	10	0
J. M. Dwyer	35	1	10
Lieutenant-colonel M <sup>r</sup> Murdo	102	0	0
Doctor C. Lind	102	0	0
Officers 83d regiment—345 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —134 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>	479	12	9
Martha Thomas	156	13	4
George Thompson	57	3	4
John Dorman	51	0	0
Major Butter	31	13	4
Ditto	38	5	0
Donald Campbell	243	6	8
J. H. Schroeter	121	13	4
James Fannin	108	12	6
George Watson	138	15	6
Officers 20th dragoons	765	12	2
Hugh Clough	34	1	7
Major-general Churchill	88	13	4

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
4th battalion 60th regiment	125	0	0
Agnes Scott	2	6	8
Officers 63d regiment	178	17	3
York hussars	253	10	6
William Bullock	300	0	0
David Innes	100	0	0
Collector of customs	100	0	0
Charles Douglass, lodging	50	0	0
Commissioners board police	400	0	0
385 $\frac{1}{4}$ sterling, to be remitted for arms	5,390	0	0
Premium on remitting	539	0	0
Lachlan M'Laine	300	0	0
A. N. Henriques, with interest	500	0	0
3 superintendants of maroon-towns	150	0	0
Thomas March	50	0	0
Isaac Morales	100	0	0
Donald Macpherson	350	0	0
James Anderson	50	0	0
Alexander Forbes	100	0	0
Mary Watkins	20	0	0
Henry Burges	150	0	0
Ballard Beckford Nembhard	150	0	0
Surgeon John Robinson	100	0	0
Captain Brooking	162	10	0
Lieutenant Rofs	162	10	0
Captain Hamilton	487	10	0
Amount of grants under deficiency	22,260	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

## POLL-TAX BILL.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
James Lewis	140	0	0
Thomas Wills	40	0	0
Charles Douglas	50	0	0
Doctor Alexander Watt	150	0	0
Alexander Aikman	1740	0	0
James Wintle	150	0	0
Honourable Thomas Wallen	25	0	0
W. M. James	300	0	0
J. M. Dwyer	50	0	0
Estate of P. Francklyn	34	7	1
Atkinsons and company	130	10	0
Contingent account 20th light dragoons	828	16	6
Captain Duncker, &c. lodging	56	0	0
Stevenson and Aikman	256	2	1
J. T. W. Bennett	216	3	9
Lunan and Lewis	256	17	6
Alexander Aikman	5171	10	3
W. Bullock	48	6	3
T. Anderson	6	13	4
Commanding			

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Commanding officer 1st battalion 60th regiment	44	15	0
Benjamin Tenison	86	0	0
George Woodbine	101	13	4
John Donaldson	455	0	0
Lieutenant W. Johnson	102	0	0
John Donaldson	66	6	8
Contingent account 60th regiment	79	0	0
Robert Huggins	200	0	0
Hugh Clough	20	0	0
Colonel Fead	44	19	7
Thomas Alhmeade	100	0	0
James Jones	19	3	6
Thomas Morley	39	15	0
James Stewart	159	0	10
Officers 67th regiment	413	3	5
Attorney to Thomas Jenkins	71	13	4
Robert Jackson	150	0	0
Commanding officer 67th regiment	507	5	10
Administrator of J. L. Bishop	58	15	0
Keeping in repair island arms	577	0	0
Captain Dalhousie	42	0	0
P. Grant	40	0	0
J. Lodge	140	0	0
George Innes	300	0	0
Officers 67th regiment, additional lodging, at 10 <i>l.</i> per			
Andrew Wills	200	0	0
S. Shelly	37	1	3
Roads	15,000	0	0
Paymaster 1st battalion 60th regiment	356	15	0
Late commissioners of police at Kingston	125	0	0
James Robertson	450	0	0
Richard and Robert Shawe	1,140	7	11
Already passed	30,757	2	5
ESTIMATE of further grants, to be included in the POLL.			
Light dragoons, 6 months pay, omitted	10,921	15	9
Ditto, 1 year's pay, about	25,922	0	0
1st battalion 60th regiment	54,015	0	0
Vote of credit for 4th battalion	25,000	0	0
Board of works	20,000	0	0
Further grants, calculated at	6,500	0	0
	173,115	18	2

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

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Mr.

Committee on state  
of the island,

report 11 resolutions.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported eleven resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to agree to the report made to the house, on Friday last, from the commissioners of the board of works.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for granting to the order of the commissioners of the board of works, a sum not exceeding 20 000*l.* for all the purposes stated in the report made to the house, from the commissioners, on Friday last.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, authorizing and empowering the barrack-master-general for the time being, to appoint proper persons to take charge of the several barracks erected for the reception of troops, in the different parishes of this island; and which persons shall, for the care and charge of each barrack, be entitled to the sum of 20*s.* per week, and no more, on a certificate signed by the said barrack-master-general being produced to the board of works.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of Samuel Shepherd, of the parish of Trelawny, shipwright, the sum of 95*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* in full of his account annexed to the report made to the house, from the commissioners of the board of works, on Friday last.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of John Mitchell, of the parish of Trelawny, merchant, the sum of 200*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.* in full of his account, annexed to the report made to the house, from the commissioners of the board of works, on Friday last.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 12,357*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* sterling, in full for the pay of the first battalion of the 60th regiment of foot, from the 5th of May last, the day of their arrival in this island, until the 24th of October, deducting thereout the sum paid by the receiver-general until that day to the commander in chief, on account of the vote of credit of the last session, for 50,000*l.*

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 26,224*l.* 15*s.* 3½*d.* sterling, for one year's pay of the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment, from the 25th October, 1799, to the 24th October, 1800.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to assure his honour that the house will direct the receiver-general, to issue the money that will become due, for the pay of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from the day on which it shall be completed, whenever his honour shall inform him thereof; and that the house will grant to his honour a vote of credit, to the amount of 25,000*l.* for that purpose.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 10,921*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* being the amount of six months pay and subsistence for the 20th regiment of light dragoons, from the 25th day of June, 1798, to the 25th day of December following, which has been omitted to be provided for.

10. That

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, the sum of 539/. 8s. 4d. being the amount of expences incurred under their direction, as by the report made to the house this day, from the said commissioners.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, authorizing the receiver-general to pay the militia pay and ration bills, according to the forms prescribed by the house, and also every other expence incurred by the public, during the late martial law, when the same shall have been ascertained and certified by a board of the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts.

Then Mr. Murphy acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

*Resolved,*

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A member, in his place, laid before the house, an account of Jasper Farmer, esquire, for his care and trouble in preparing the drafts of several public bills, during the present session :

Jasper Farmer's account presented.

*Ordered,*

That the said account be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to be examined; and that they report their opinion thereon to the house.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved,*

That this house will not grant any more money for roads, during the present session :

The house divided :

The noes went forth :

*Ayes, 16; noes, 11.*

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution for no further road grants this session.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Asman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 12<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

*Prayers.* A MESSAGE from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writ of election for the parish of Trelawny; which, with the provost-marshal's return thereto, being

Return to Trelawny writ.

ing read, It appeared that Patrick Smith, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish, in the room of Peter Francklyn, esquire, deceased.

*Ordered,*

That the two following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

*First message.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Messages to his honour for the pay of 4th battalion 60th regiment ;

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to assure you, that the house will direct the receiver-general to issue the money that will become due, for the pay of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment of foot, from the day on which it shall be completed, whenever your honour shall inform him thereof; and that the house will grant to your honour a vote of credit, to the amount of 25,000*l.* for that purpose.*”

*Second message.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

and for M. M. de la Villeon and de la Riviere to attend martial law committee.

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for the attendance of monsieur de la Villeon, of the police-office in Kingston; and monsieur de la Riviere, of the police-office of Port-Royal, with the Port-Royal police book; to-morrow morning, at nine of the clock, in the assembly-room, to be examined by the committee, appointed to inquire what effect the martial law, resorted to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here; and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house.*”

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal) and Mr. Sheriff be a committee to wait on his honour with the above two messages; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly, but that monsieur de la Villeon could not attend to-morrow.

Report from committee of accounts.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported.

That they had examined the account of Jasper Farmer, esquire, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 170*l.* 10*s.* should be paid :

That they had received vouchers for the accounts of contingencies, annexed respectively to the petitions of captain Donald Campbell, of Fort-Montego, and of captain John Henry Schroeter, of Fort-Balcarras, and are of opinion, that the following sums should be paid ; *viz.* to captain Campbell, 154*l.* 15*s.* and to captain Schroeter, 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* :

And that they had examined the account of expences, attending the engravings for the second part of doctor Higgins's observations on the manufacture of muscovado sugar and rum, and of those to be incurred for the engravings to the third part of the said observations, and are of opinion, that the sum of 406*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* should be paid to Alexander Aikman, to defray the same.

John Baptiste Brouet's petition reported.

Mr. Shirlev, from the committee, to whom the petition of John Baptiste Brouet, mechanic, formerly of Cape-François, in St. Domingo, but established in Jamaica, for nearly seven years past, was referred, reported,

That

That they are of opinion, that machines constructed on the petitioner's plan, will prove of very great utility, and that they have full evidence that he is, under the information of Mr. d'Heillecourt, the inventor thereof, and therefore entitled to a patent right; but, as the petitioner has not been naturalized, and is totally unable to pay the fees for a private bill, the committee recommend to the house, to grant to him the sum of 350*l.* as a full reward for his invention; machines constructed according to the model whereof, may then be used by any person desirous of the same, without any license from, or fee paid to, the petitioner.

*Ordered,*

That the above two reports be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island; and for other purposes;

Bill to prevent seditious practices committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Quier took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Quier, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through a part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Progress reported:

Then Mr. Quier acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

*Resolved,*

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to indemnify the commander in chief, and certain officers and other persons who acted under his command, or the authority of military officers during the late martial law;

Motion for a bill of indemnity;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Grant, be a committee for that purpose.

Bill ordered.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Bryan Higgins, M. D. the sum of 35*l.* per quarter, commencing from the first of January last, and to continue till the thirty-first of December next;

Motion for quarterly grant to doctor Higgins;

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Three days rule.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed; to receive a clause for paying to the order of the directors of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle, the sum of 27*l.* for sundry repairs, necessary to be done to the buildings at that place;

Motion for 27*l.* to directors of the Bath:

*Ordered,*

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Three days rule.

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A motion

Motion for 15*l*. to  
sergeant Findlay :

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to sergeant Findlay, of the royal artillery, the sum of 15*l*. for his trouble in hoisting the flag every morning, and lowering it every evening, during the late martial law ;

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from his  
honour,

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house sundry memorials and accounts ; of which the following is a list :*”

with sundry ac-  
counts.

- No. 1. Memorial of John Stone, D. M.  
2. Account of captain Gillespie, Fort George.  
3. Account of Geo. and M. Atkinson and company.  
4. Sundry accounts of the detachment of the 20th light dragoons, at Montego-Bay.

*Ordered,*

That the above message, and papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts ; that they inquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker*.

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Tobis, 13<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

Indemnity bill pre-  
sented.

*Prayers.* MR. Fitch, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to indemnify the commander in chief, and certain officers and other persons who acted under his command, or the authority of military officers, during the late martial law ; which was received, and read the first time :

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

Committee on state  
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

poll.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported five resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the first four resolutions being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to John Baptiste Brouet, the sum of 350*l.* as a full reward for his discovery of a late invented machine for the expeditiously curing of coffee.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 25,100*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.* being for one year's pay and subsistence of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, from the 25th December, 1799, to the 24th December, 1800.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to authorize and empower the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, to adjust the several demands against the public, incurred in consequence of the late martial law; and that the receiver general be directed to pay the same, when so audited, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 97*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* to Alexander Campbell, lieutenant of Fort-Small, for the hire and maintenance of two negroes, to take care of the buildings at the said fort, as by his petition to the house this session.

The 5th resolution being again read, is as follows:

That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, for putting Fort-Small on the island establishment:

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto;

The house divided:

Division;

The yeas went forth:

Noes, 2:—Mr. Shaw and Mr. Christie.

Ayes, 24:—Mr. Jaques, Mr. Henry, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Tharp, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Quier, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Grant, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Ninot, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Ker, Mr. Telfer, Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Rois, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal).

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered.

That Mr. Lyon, Mr. G. Cuthbert, and Mr. Edwardes, be a committee for that purpose.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

Adjournment.

And being met;

The bill to indemnify the commander in chief, and certain officers and other persons who acted under his command, or the authority of military officers, during the late martial law, was read a second time:

Indemnity bill, read second time;

Ordered,

That the said bill be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island, and for other purposes;

Bill to prevent seditious practices committed;

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Quier took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported ;

Mr. Quier, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island, and for other purposes.*"

*Ordered,*

Vote for pay of 4th  
battalion 60th regi-  
ment.

That the receiver-general do, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, pay such orders as may be drawn on him by the commander in chief, to an amount not exceeding the sum of 25,000*l.* for the pay of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from the day on which it shall be completed, whenever his honour shall inform him thereof ; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution ;

*Resolved,*

Motion for 50*l.* to  
Thomas Aston :

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Thomas Aston, the head constable of Kingston, for his own services, and those of the persons employed by him, in apprehending the spies De Buiffon and Sasportas ; the proportion to the persons so employed by him, to be at the rate of 5*l.* each :

*Ordered,*

Three days rule.

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

*Ordered,*

Vote for 30*l.* and a  
silver badge to Fra-  
ser.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the churchwardens and vestry of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, the sum of 30*l.* to be by them paid to a negro man slave named Fraser, belonging to William Falconer ; and for directing the receiver-general to procure a silver badge, with a suitable inscription, of the value of 5*l.* to be delivered by the said churchwardens and vestry to the said negro man, as a reward for his fidelity in discovering the murder of William Thompson, late of the said parish.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

" MR. SPEAKER,

Message from his  
honour, with a list  
of French persons  
in distress.

" I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a list of French persons, who are reduced to the most extreme misery and want, by the act of sending away their male French slaves ; and his honour submits their deplorable situation to the commiseration of the house."

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ETAT DES PERSONNES qui ont remises leurs negres, et qui sen' par cette cause reduites  
à la plus grande misere, ne recevant aucuns secours du gouvernement.

Madame Ve. Doyen, et 1 enfant, remis 2 negres.

Madame Ve. Superville, et 1 enfant, 1 negre.

Madame Ve. Tessier, et 1 de ses petits enfans, 5 negres.

Monsieur et madame Dumanoir, 2 negres.

Madame Ve. D'lanache, et 4 filles, 5 negres.

Mademoiselle Mimi Savary, et 1 enfant, 2 negres.

Madame Toqué de la Saulaye, et 3 enfans, 2 negres.

Madame Marchon, et 2 filles, 1 negre.

Mademoiselle de la Have, et 4 secours, 1 negre.

Mademoiselle Trichet, 5 negres.

Madame V. e. Lesbaupin, et 1 fille, 1 negre.

Monsieur le Feron, 1 negre.

Madame Ve. St. Aigne, et 1 enfant, 1 negre.

Monsieur le marquis de la Roche Jacquelin, et 2 filles, arrivées par la flotte, et ici  
dans la plus affreuse detresse.

M. Brouet, sa femme, et sa sœur, remis le seul negre ouvrier, qui se faisait exister.

Madame le l'ouneur, et mademoiselle Cabot il, sa niece, remis 1 negre.

Total, 4 personnes.

N. B. Arcunes de ces personnes, ne reçoivent la bienfaisance du gouvernement.

Ordered,

That the above message, and the paper therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows :

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, *An act for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, with the following amendment :*

Message from council on army baggage bill.

" In the tenth line from the bottom of the first sheet, delete the word 'associate,' and all the words in the succeeding lines, as far as the word 'aforesaid,' inclusive, in the last line of the same sheet; and, in place thereof, insert the following words:

" Issue a notice in writing, to be signed by such custos, senior magistrate, or commissioner, directed to such person and persons who may be possessed of carts, waggons, mules, boats, wherries, and negroes, requiring such possessors to furnish such carts, waggons, mules, boats, wherries, and negroes, as maybe wanted for the service aforesaid; which notice in writing the officer or officers commanding the company or companies, for whose use the same are required, shall cause to be delivered to, or be served upon, such possessors, by some person or persons belonging to such company or companies."

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the amendment proposed by the council to the said bill.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

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Ueneris,

Veneris, 14<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

Sedition bill passed. Prayers **T**HE engrossed bill for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island, and for other purposes, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

Indemnity bill passed.

The engrossed bill to indemnify the commander in chief, and certain officers and other persons who acted under his command, or the authority of military officers, during the late martial law, was read the third time:

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to the council:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council, on army baggage bill.

“We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the amendment made by your honours to the bill entitled, *An act for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, and have amended the bill accordingly.*”

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Quier and Mr. Sheriff be a committee to carry the above message and bill, and also the above engrossed bills, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the bills; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Resolution for quarterly grant to doctor Higgins, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to Bryan Higgins, M. D. the sum of 350*l.* per quarter, commencing from the 1st day of January last, and to continue till the 31st of December next, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 270*l.* to directors of the Bath, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to the order of the directors of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle, the sum of 270*l.* for sundry repairs necessary to be done to the buildings at that place, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for 15*l.* to sergeant Findlay, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying to sergeant Findlay, of the royal artillery, the sum of 15*l.* for his trouble in hoisting the flag every morning, and lowering it every evening, during the late martial law, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Fort-Small bill presented.

Mr. Lyon, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for putting Fort-Small on the island establishment; which was received, and read the first time:

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, appointed to examine the state and condition of the Botanic Garden in Liguanea, and to make a report thereof to the house, reported,

Report from committee to inspect Liguanea Botanic Garden.

That they had visited the same, when Mr. Wiles laid before them his account of contingent expences, consisting of clothing, provisions, tools, &c. amounting to 202*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.*; also his account of the neat proceeds of coffee sold from said plantation, amounting to 167*l.* 7*s.* 0½*d.*; this sum, with 70*l.* received by him for the timbers of a building adjoining the house, directed to be taken down and sold, makes the sum of 237*l.* 7*s.* 0½*d.* which leaves a balance of 34*l.* 16*s.* 5½*d.* to be accounted for by Mr. Wiles:

That it appears to the committee, that on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December last there remained in the receiver-general's hands, out of the grant of the last year, applicable to this establishment, the sum of 178*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*:

That the committee found the same negroes as were reported to be there last year, with the addition of three children; and that 1169 plants had been distributed, since the last meeting:

That the committee were informed by Mr. Wiles, that in pursuance of directions given by the former committee, to select and plant from 12 to 15 acres of land, such as might be found best calculated, and most conveniently situated, for coffee, there have been 8 acres, or thereabouts, of land so planted, since the last meeting; and they have directed Mr. Wiles to extend, as far as the strength of the negroes, and due attention to the garden, will admit, the plantation of coffee, as they are of opinion, that with proper care and attention of the person in charge of the garden, &c. the public would, in a short time, from the produce of the plantation, be relieved from the expence of supporting, and even to provide for the improvement, and further promoting, this useful and important establishment:

And that the committee are of opinion, that the sum of 330*l.* should be granted; and they accordingly recommend the same.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report from committee of accounts.

That they had taken into consideration the accounts sent down to the house, in his honour the lieutenant-governor's second message of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, and are of opinion, that any further report on them should be postponed till the next annual session, they having been presented to the house after the time limited for the receiving of private business, during the present session.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

*First message.*

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that he has taken into consideration their message of the 30<sup>th</sup> January, respecting the exports of produce in vessels belonging to the United States, and, being satisfied of the necessity of the measure, he has given directions to the principal officers of the customs, to permit such exportation, under certain restrictions.”

Message from his Honour, respecting exportation of produce in American boats.

*Second*

## Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from his  
honour, respecting  
the fort at Rio-  
Bueno,

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a letter from the island engineer, respecting the fort at Rio-Bueno; and his honour desires it may be received as his opinion, that this post ought to be regarded as of the first importance to the security of Jamaica, both as a defence from the exterior, and a defence to the interior; and that it most essentially covers the supplying with provisions, the two posts proposed to be erected in that neighbourhood: His honour therefore recommends to the house, that it may be put on the establishment.*

“ MY LORD,

Spanish-Town, 14th Feb. 1800.

with a letter from  
the island engineer.

“ Having been called on by your lordship, previous to my late tour round the island, to inspect with some attention the fort or battery at Rio-Bueno, I have to report as my opinion, that its situation is well calculated to protect the harbour and shipping, and that it ought to be put in a respectable state of defence, believing that the expence will be found greatly outweighed by the benefit to the trade on that coast.

“ I have the honour to be, your lordship's most obedient and humble servant,

“ W. FRANKLIN, island engineer.

“ *The right honourable earl of Balcarres, &c. &c.*”

Ordered,

That the above two reports, and messages, with the paper sent down with the second message, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to inquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Committee on State  
of the island,

Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murphy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

report 19 resolu-  
tions.

Mr. Murphy, from the committee, reported 19 resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the first 14 resolutions being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 170*l.* 10*s.* to Jasper Farmer, in full of his account for preparing four bills in the present session.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, in full of his account for contingent expences at the said fort.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 154*l.* 15*s.* to Donald Campbell, captain of Fort-Montego, in full for contingent expences at the said fort.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 406*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Alexander Aikman, in full for sundry engravings for the second and third parts of doctor Higgins's observations, on the manufacture of muscovado sugar and rum.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 200*l.* to the order of doctor Thomas Dancer,

for

for his care of the Botanic Garden at the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle; and the further sum of 50*l.* for his care of the nurseries of South-Sea plants, at Bath.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 330*l.* to the order of the committee, to be appointed to inspect the Botanic Gardens of this island, for the further support of the Liguanea Botanic Garden, for the year 1800.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to inspect the Botanic Gardens, during the recess of the assembly:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Murphy, Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Ross, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Quier, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Israell, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Christie, Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Ker, Mr. Minor, Mr. Grant, Mr. Henry, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Johnson, Mr. C. Mitchell, and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), be a committee for that purpose.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the order of the commissioners of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle, for the hire of an overseer to superintend the negroes belonging to the Bath.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll tax bill, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the order of the commissioners of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle, for the purpose of clothing, and supplying the negroes belonging to the said Bath with salted provisions, and provisions for the sick, and tools for the use of the Botanic Garden; and the further sum of 200*l.* for the hire of a white gardener, and for negro labour to cultivate the garden.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to William Frazer, island engineer, the sum of 10*s.* *per day*, in lieu of travelling and contingent charges, incurred by him in that capacity, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, 1799; also, the usual island subsistence, and lodging-money at 80*l.* *per annum*, for the present year.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 4000*l.* to the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, towards defraying the expences of the regimental hospitals, under their present establishment.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, monthly, the sum of 175*l.* for the hire of pioneers for the use of the troops stationed in this island.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, a sum not exceeding 416*l.* for the hire of 32 negro pioneers, for the use of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, or for paying the fees of slaves which may be taken from the workhouses to serve as pioneers, as directed by an act entitled, *An act to enable his honour Adam Williamson, esquire, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to take slaves from the workhouses, for certain purposes, and on certain conditions.*

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 25*l.* to Thomas Wills, for his care of the pew in the parish church of St. Catherine, for the exclusive use of the members of the assembly, and for the hire of a servant to attend the house the last year.

The 15th resolution being again read, is as follows:

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That

That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for putting Fort-Dundas, at Rio-Bueno, on the island establishment:

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto;

Division.

The house divided:

The noes went forth:

Ayes, 20; noes, 2.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee for that purpose.

Then the several other resolutions being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

16. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 481*l.* 5*s.* being so much short granted on the 9th March last, for defraying the expences and salaries of the persons employed by his honour, at the board of police at Port-Royal, for one year, ending the 1st September last; and also the further sum of 490*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* towards paying such expences and salaries, subsequent to the last mentioned date.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant governor, returning him the thanks of the house for his compliance with their wishes, communicated to his honour in the message of the house, of the 30th day of January last, respecting the exports of certain articles of colonial produce, in vessels belonging to the United States of America; and to assure his honour, that the house are happy to observe, that he is satisfied with respect to the necessity of the occasion, from which alone the measure originated:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. W. Mitchell, and Mr. Lyon, be a committee for that purpose.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to agree to the report this day made to the house from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 840*l.* to the order of the commander in chief, for the relief of the unfortunate persons mentioned in his honour's message to the house of yesterday.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Fort-Small bill read second time:

The bill for putting Fort-Small on the island establishment, was read a second time:

*Ordered,*

Engrossed.

That the said bill be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for putting the fort, at the southern extremity of Salt-Pond Hill, in the parish of St. Catherine, called Fort-Clarence, upon the island establishment.*"

*Ordered,*

Vote for purchasing a new negro in the room of Harry, the son of Dover.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the order of the commander in chief, for the purchase of a new negro, for the use of

of the governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief for the time being, in lieu of a negro named Harry, the son of Dover, manumized by an act passed in the year 1795; and that the deed, or bill of sale, for the negro so to be purchased, be taken in the name of the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, for the above use.

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 700*l.* to James Lewis, esquire, clerk to the house, in consideration of his extraordinary trouble and attendance during the present session. 700*l.* to clerk of the house;

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 400*l.* to Benjamin Lyon, esquire, sergeant at arms attending the house, in consideration of his extraordinary trouble and attendance during the present session. 400*l.* to sergeant at arms;

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the reverend Thomas Warren, chaplain to the assembly, in consideration of his extraordinary trouble and attendance during the present session. 100*l.* to the chaplain;

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 300*l.* to W. M. James, for his trouble and attention in making copies of the minutes of the house, for the printing of the votes, during the last and present sessions. 300*l.* to W. M. James, for making copies of the minutes;

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Thomas Wills, in consideration of his extraordinary trouble and attendance on the house, during the present session. and 50*l.* to Thomas Wills.

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 200*l.* to Edward Bullock, in full for his services as clerk to the committee, to whom were referred his honour the lieutenant-governor's several messages of this session, and the papers therewith severally sent, relative to the maroons at Halifax. 200*l.* to clerk of maroon committee.

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 20*l.* to the collector and comptroller of his majesty's customs, at Port-Antonio, to be by them paid to the clerks in their offices, for their trouble in preparing several returns for the information of the house, during the present session. 20*l.* to collector and comptroller at Port-Antonio.

*Ordered,*

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 200*l.* to the clerk to the commissioners for borrowing several sums of money, for the public service, in full for salary for the last year. 200*l.* to clerk to commissioners for borrowing several sums of money.

*Ordered,*

That the directors of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle do prepare a state of the Report on state of the

the Botanic Garden  
at Bath ordered.

the condition and circumstances of the Botanic Garden at that place, to be laid before the house on the first day of the next session.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from his  
honour, respecting  
MM. de la Villeon  
and de Riviere.

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that he has not been able to discover any such person as monsieur de la Villeon, of the police-office of Kingston; that a gentleman of that name resides in Kingston, and being in the public employ, his honour has ordered him to attend, presuming he may be the person required.

“ That monsieur de Riviere has arrived from Port-Royal, but could not attend earlier, having only received the order for that purpose, through the channel of the commissioners of police, yesterday afternoon.

“ That both those persons are in attendance on the orders of the house: Monsieur de Riviere has in his possession the police books of Port-Royal.

Ordered,

That the above message be referred to the committee, appointed to inquire what effect the martial-law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here; and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, Speaker.

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Sabbati, 15<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

Fort-Clarence bill  
passed.

Prayers. THE engrossed bill for putting the fort, at the southern extremity of Salt-Pond Hill, in the parish of St. Catherine, called Fort-Clarence, upon the island establishment, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Resolution for 50%  
to Thomas Aston,  
agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Thursday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 50% to Thomas Aston, the head constable of Kingston, for his own services, and those of the persons employed by him, in

in apprehending the spies De Buiſſon and Saſportas; the proportion to the perſons ſo employed by him, to be at the rate of 5*l.* each; having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the houſe, and being again read, was agreed unto by the houſe.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), according to order, preſented to the houſe, a bill for putting Fort-Dundas, at Rio-Bueno, in the pariſh of Trelawny, upon the iſland eſtabliſhment; which was received, and read the firſt time: Fort-Dundas bill preſented.

*Ordered,*

That the ſaid bill be read a ſecond time, this day.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble addreſs to his honour the lieutenant-governor, reported the ſame, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read; Addreſs to his honour reported;

*Ordered,*

That the ſaid addreſs be engroſſed. Engroſſed.

Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), from the committee, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's ſeveral meſſages, and the papers therewith ſeverally ſent, relative to the maroons at Halifax, were referred, reported, Report from maroon committee.

That they had made ſome progreſs in the examination and inveſtigation thereof, but, from the nature and extent of thoſe documents, the committee cannot finally go through ſuch examination during the preſent ſeſſion, without the ſame being conſiderably prolonged; and which prolongation muſt, at this critical juncture, be highly injurious to the intereſts of many individuals:

That they therefore recommend to the houſe, to order that the inquiry be reſumed early in the next annual ſeſſion.

*Reſolved,*

That the houſe do agree to the report.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to inſpect the journals of the council, reported, Report from committee to inſpect council's journals.

That they had inſpected the journals of the board, and taken from them the following extract:

*"Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1800.*

*"The board, according to order, reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole board, on the bill entitled, An act to explain and amend an act, paſſed in the year of our Lord one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-three, entitled, 'An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with reſpect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this iſland;' and, after ſome time ſpent therein, the board was reſumed, and the honourable Mr. Jones, from the committee, reported, that it was their opinion, that the ſaid bill ſhould be rejected: To which report the board agreed: .*

*"Reſolved, That the ſaid bill be rejected."*

*Ordered,*

That the above report do lie on the table, to be peruſed by the members.

Mr. Shaw, in his place, preſented to the houſe, a bill to amend and extend an act, paſſed in the year 1793, entitled, "An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with reſpect to the bringing and landing certain prize goods in this iſland;" which was received, and read the firſt time: Amended prize-goods bill preſented.

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

Report from martial  
law committee,  
called for;

A motion being made, that Mr. Speaker do call upon the chairman of the committee, appointed to inquire what effect the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here; and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house; to inform the house whether the said committee had directed him to make a report:

No report.

And Mr. Shaw, chairman of the said committee, being so called upon, in his place, by Mr. Speaker, acquainted the house, that the committee had not directed him to make a report.

A motion was made, that the house do come to the following resolution:

*Resolved,*

Resolution that  
there was no ground  
for inquiry;

That the committee appointed to inquire what effect the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here; and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house; not having directed their chairman to make any report to the house, although the subject-matters for their inquiry had undergone an investigation by them, it appears to this house, that there was no ground whatever to support the inquiry.

amended; and

Then the chairman of the said committee moved the house, that the same be amended, by adding the words, "in as far as respects the conduct or character of any member of this house:"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the resolution, so amended, being read;

carried, *nem. con.*

It was resolved in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Engrossed address

The engrossed address to his honour the lieutenant-governor was read, in the words following:

"JAMAICA, *ff.*

*To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same,*

"THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We, his majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of Jamaica, beg leave to return your honour our grateful thanks, for your compliance with our request, communicated to your honour in our message of the thirtieth of January last, respecting the exports of certain colonial productions, in vessels belonging to the United States of America:

"We assure your honour, that we are happy to observe, that you are satisfied with respect to the indispensable necessity of the measure, from which cause alone our application originated."

*Resolved,*

*Resolved,*

That the said address do pass.

passed.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble address to present, they desire to know when your honour will please to be attended.*”

Message to his honour.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Shaw and Mr. Henry be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, at one quarter of an hour before four o'clock.

The bill for putting Fort-Dundas, at Rio-Bueno, in the parish of Trelawny, upon the island establishment, was read a second time:

Fort-Dundas bill read second time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The bill to amend and extend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, “ An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island ;” was read a second time :

Amended prize-goods bill read second time:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour :

Adjournment.

And being met ;

The engrossed bill for putting Fort-Dundas, at Rio-Bueno, in the parish of Trelawny, upon the island establishment, was read the third time :

Fort-Dundas bill, on motion for rejection, and division,

And a motion being made, that the said bill be rejected ;

The house divided :

The ayes went forth :

Ayes, 2 ; noes, 20.

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass.

passed.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) and Mr. Edwardes be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill, and also the other engrossed bill of this day, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

It being one quarter of an hour before four of the clock, Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up to attend his honour the lieutenant-governor, to present their address ; and being returned ;

House attend his honour, and present address.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, and presented their address, to which his honour was pleased to return an answer ; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy ; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows :

“ MR.

Lieutenant governor's answer.

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ *I lament the necessity, which has rendered indispensable the measure I have adopted.*

“ *I shall be happy, at all times, to assume any responsibility which may tend to the benefit of this valuable colony.*”

Ordered,

500*l.* to Alexander Ochterlony.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 500*l.* to Alexander Ochterlony, on account of his demands against the public.

Ordered,

100*l.* for law expenses of maroon committee.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the order of the committee, or any three of them, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's several messages, and the papers therewith severally sent, relative to the maroons at Halifax, for the purpose of defraying certain law expenses incurred in the prosecution of their inquiry.

Ordered,

200*l.* to clerk to martial law committee.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 200*l.* to Edward Bullock, in full for his services and attendance, as clerk to the committee appointed to inquire what effect the martial law, recurred to at the suggestion of the house, has had, in ridding the island of foreigners of a dangerous description; also into the manner of their admission, and the number still remaining here; and to report those facts, and their opinion thereon, to the house.

Adjournment.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Amended prize-goods bill passed.

The engrossed bill to amend and extend an act, passed in the year of our Lord 1793, entitled, “ *An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island,*” was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass:

Ordered,

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal), Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Ross, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Poll-tax bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Christie took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Christie, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in

in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

*Ordered,*

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, *Engrossed,*  
*"An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses."*

*Ordered,*

That the secretary of this island do cause the bill entitled, *An act for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion, in this island; and for other purposes,* so soon as the same shall have passed the several branches of the legislature, to be translated into the French language, and that the said act be published in the Royal Gazette, alternately, twice in the English language, and twice in the French language.

Order for publishing  
sedition bill.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow  
morning, nine of the clock

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

KEAN OSBORN, *Speaker.*

Dominica, 16<sup>o</sup> die Februarii, 1800.

THE engrossed bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses, was read the third time: *Poll-tax bill passed.*

*Resolved,*

That the said bill do pass:

*Ordered,*

That Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), Mr. Fitch, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Edwardes, and Mr. Telfer, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, *An act for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island; and for other purposes; with the following amendments:* *Message from council on sedition bill*

"In the 4th line from the top of the third sheet, after the word 'island,' dele all

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the words in the same line, and all the words in the succeeding line, as far as the word 'island,' inclusive.

"In the 9th line from the top of the same sheet, after the word 'therein,' dele the following words, 'or the annoyance of his commerce.'

"In the 12th line from the bottom of the same sheet, dele the words 'suffer death as felon, without benefit of clergy,' and, in place thereof, insert the following words: 'Be sentenced to transportation from this island, for life.'

"In the 5th line from the bottom of the fourth sheet, after the word 'command,' dele all the words in the same sheet, and all the words in the succeeding sheets, as far as the word 'paid,' inclusive, in the 3d line from the top of the seventh sheet.

"At the end of the 11th line from the top of the eighth sheet, insert the following words:

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this act, and every clause, matter, and thing, therein contained, shall continue and be in force, from the passing thereof, for and during, and unto the full end and term of, three years, and no longer."

*Resolved,*

That the house do agree to the 1st, 2d, and 5th amendments proposed by the council to the said bill, and do disagree to the 3d and 4th amendments.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to the council :

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council,  
on revision bill.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the 1st, 2d, and 5th amendments proposed by your honours to the bill entitled, *An act for the prevention and punishment of seditious practices, and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion, in this island; and for other purposes; and have amended the bill accordingly; and that they disagree to the 3d and 4th amendments proposed by your honours to the said bill, and do adhere to their bill.*"

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny) and Mr. Stewart (of Port-Royal) be a committee to carry the above message, and bill, to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

*Ordered,*

Council's journals.

That Mr. Lyon and Mr. Murphy be added to the committee, appointed to inspect the journals of the council.

*Ordered,*

That the following message be sent to the council :

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to the  
council.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint your honours, that they have added Mr. Lyon and Mr. Murphy to the committee, appointed to inspect the journals of your board."

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Lyon and Mr. Murphy be a committee to carry the above message to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows :

"MR.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have appointed the honourable Mr. Jones and Mr. Johnstone, a committee to inspect the minutes of the house.” Message from council, to inspect minutes of the house.

*Resolved,*

That the said committee have access, as often as they think necessary.

*Ordered,*

That the secretary of this island do cause the bill entitled, *An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels; and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses*, so soon as the same shall have passed the several branches of the legislature, to be printed, by the printer to this house:—One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate, clerk of the peace, clerk of the vestry, and collecting constable; six copies to the receiver-general, and one copy to each of his deputies. Order for printing poll-tax bill.

And that he do cause the following laws, so soon as the same shall have passed the several branches of the legislature, to be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for one month: Order for publishing laws in news-papers.

“ *An act for making provisions with regard to the arms belonging to the public.*”

“ *An act to repeal the seventh clause of an act entitled, “An act for the further relief of insolvent debtors, imprisoned for debt.”*

“ *An act for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island.*”

“ *An act to amend and extend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, “An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island.”*

*Ordered,*

That the clerk of this house do deliver over to the clerk of the commissioners, appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, the accounts denominated No. 4, sent down to the house, in his honour's second message of the 12th instant; to be by the said commissioners audited and passed, agreeably to law. Order of reference on certain martial law accounts.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to inspect the gaols, hospitals, and workhouses, in the county of Middlesex, during the recess, and to make a report thereof to the house, early in the next session; Committee to inspect gaols, &c. in Middlesex;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. L. Cuthbert, Mr. Ross, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Quier, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Isaell, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Henry, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Murphy, be a committee for that purpose.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to inspect the gaols, hospitals, and workhouses, in the county of Surrey, during the recess, and to make a report thereof to the house, early in the next session; in Surrey;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Christie, Mr. Stewart (of Port Royal), Mr. G. Cuthbert, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Minot, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. Ker, be a committee for that purpose.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to inspect the gaols, hospitals, in Cornwall;

pit ills, and workhouses, in the county of Cornwall, during the recess, and to make a report thereof to the house, early in the next session;

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Mowat, Mr. Johnson, Mr. C. Mitchell, Mr. Swaby, Mr. Reid, Mr. Tharp, and Mr. Stewart (of Trelawny), be a committee for that purpose.

*Ordered,*

Committee to inspect books and papers in Speaker's chamber.

That Mr. W. Mitchell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. L. Cuthbert, and Mr. Rois, be a committee, during the recess, to inspect into and examine the several books and papers in the speaker's chamber; and that the said committee, or any two of them, together with the clerk, do examine the said books once in every quarter, and that Mr. Willis be ordered to brush them once in every month.

Message to attend his honour.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the immediate attendance of the whole house, in the council-chamber:

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the following bills:

His honour's assent to bills.

*"An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels; and on offices and houses; and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses."*

*"An act to amend and extend an act, passed in the year 1793, entitled, 'An act for the relief of the captors of prizes, with respect to the bringing and landing certain prize-goods in this island.'"*

*"An act for establishing regulations for the carriage of the baggage of the troops, stationed, or to be stationed, in this island."*

*"An act for securing to the trustees of Walmer's Free-School, a certain perpetual annuity, upon their delivering up cert. in securities for public debts."*

*"An act for raising a toll on Vore's road, in the parish of St. Ann, and for other purposes."*

*"An act for putting the fort, at the southern extremity of Salt-Pond Hill, in the parish of St. Catherine, called Fort-Clarence, upon the island establishment."*

*"An act for putting Fort-Dundas, at Rio-Buono, in the parish of Trelawny, upon the island establishment."*

*"An act to enable the trustees of Thomas Kaylet, late of the parish of St. Andrew, in the county of Surrey, esquire, deceased, to sell the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, in the town of Kingston, in the county of Surrey, of which the said Thomas Kaylet died seized; and for the purposes therein mentioned."*

His honour's speech.

And then his honour was pleased to make the following speech:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

*"The business of the sessions being happily closed, I cheerfully grant you a recess from your labours."*

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

*"I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the current year: I have no doubt they will be efficient for all the purposes intended."*

"GENTLEMEN

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ *During the late martial law, my solicitude was to act up to your wishes, in the adoption of such measures as were suggested by yourselves, or appeared to be the necessary result of your sentiments.*

“ *You will no doubt endeavour, in your several capacities, to give energy and effect to such laws as were made to secure the quiet and prosperity of this island; objects for which we must necessarily feel the same degree of sympathy.*

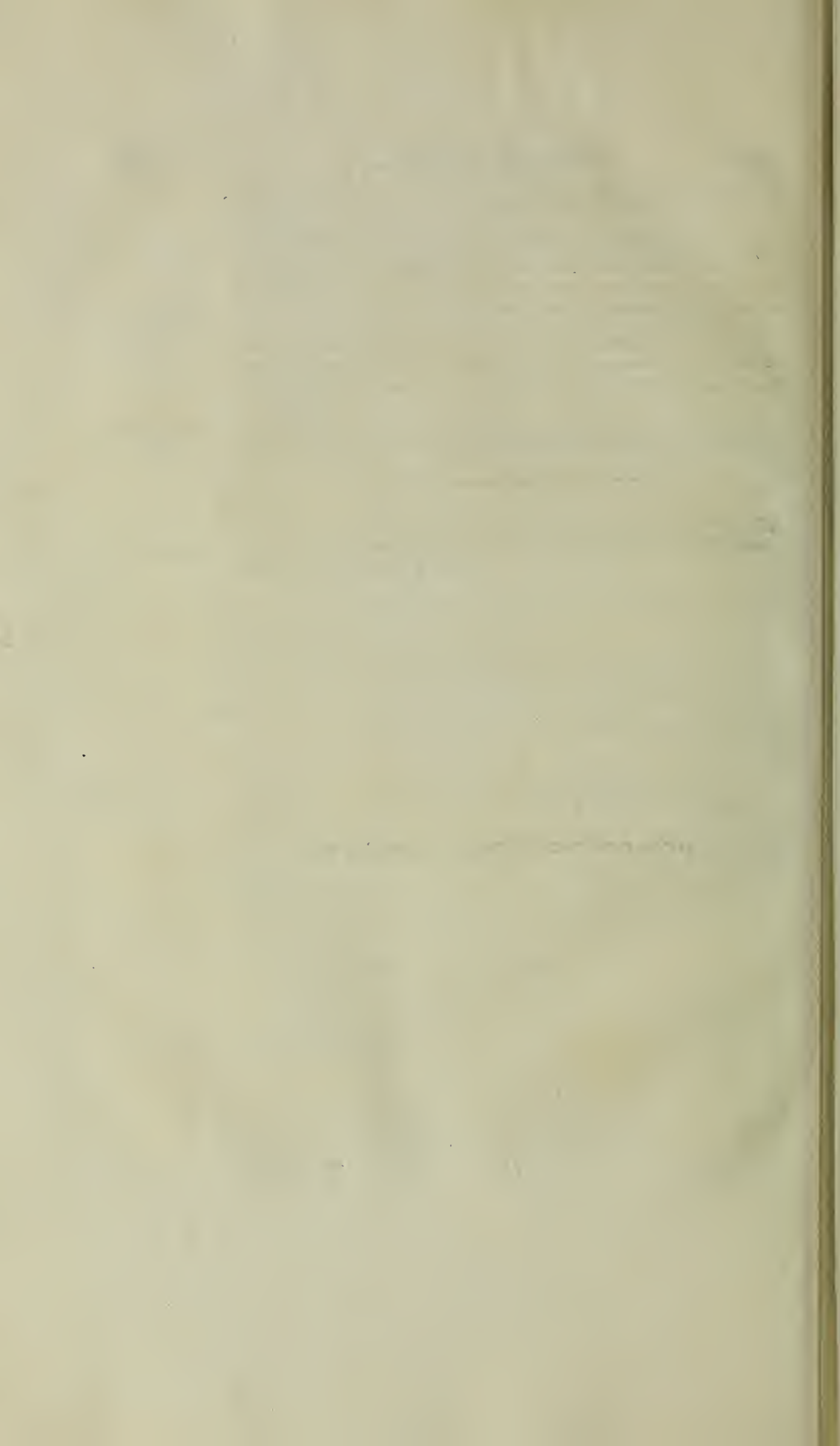
“ *I do now, in his majesty's name, prorogue this general assembly, until Tuesday the 25th day of March next; and it is hereby prorogued accordingly.*” House prorogued.

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By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Tiskman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

K. E. A. N. O. S. B. O. R. N., *Speaker.*

END OF THE SEVENTH SESSION.



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# A P P E N D I X.

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## No. I.

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## No. 1.

STATEMENT of FACTS respecting the settling of MAROONS in NOVA-SCOTIA; referred to by the lieutenant-governor of that province.

SUCH were the alarms and apprehensions occasioned in the island of Jamaica, by the insurrection of the maroons, that the first occasion and opportunity to remove them, to the greatest possible distance, was conceived to be a measure indispensable to the safety of the island; and was undertaken, not only at the hazard of an uncertain expence, but of the issue, upon a remonstrance against the measure by the general officer, whose extraordinary zeal, prudence, and success, had put it in the power of the house of assembly to determine upon their removal, wholly on their own and sole responsibility for the measure, and for all its consequences:

Mr. Quarrell, although he strenuously opposed, and, with great freedom, loudly condemned the measure, had the address to procure himself to be appointed agent for the island, with such assistance as he required, for the declared purpose of securing to the injured maroons, by his superintendence and care, permanent comforts in an established settlement, adequate to the justice which he continually proclaimed, and insisted, was due to them from the island of Jamaica.

Such was the principal agent who presented himself to the lieutenant-governor of Nova-Scotia, not with "a body of transported sanguinary rebels," to be deserted by him or the island, and left to be disposed of, and punished by his majesty's government, but as the humane, volunteer guardian, of an injured, oppressed, and singularly unfortunate and distressed people; for whom an establishment was to be procured, at the expence of his employers; and who, since surrendering their arms, and a valuable district of country, where they (a terror to the island) resided in comfort and perfect independence, on the express consideration of being provided with a settlement equally comfortable, had been expected to, and suffered, and were then suffering, extreme hardships and misery; in Mr. Quarrell's opinion, "very undeservedly."

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The idea of sending them to Sierra Leone, Mr. Quarrell, without any reserve, reprobated as a reproach of infamy to the people of Jamaica; and, with earnestness, engaged that the justice and liberality of the inhabitants and legislature of that island, however they might think their safety required the removal of the maroons, would not suffer them to rest satisfied with any thing less than the settlement he solicited leave to establish for those maroons in Nova-Scotia.

The sending them to Upper-Canada was very justly deemed visionary, and impracticable. The chief, if not the only anxiety expressed by Mr. Quarrell was, an impatient desire to see the maroons well settled and fixed in Nova-Scotia, in a way to prevent their being removed to any other country, or dispersed in this. The lieutenant-governor, interested by Mr. Quarrell's representations and humanity, and by the very highly respected communications of his excellency the earl of Balcarres, "that the general assembly of Jamaica have decided upon the fate of the maroons lately in rebellion; they have determined that they shall not remain in this island; and, from the knowledge those maroons have, of the very strong fastnesses of the interior of this colony, it would be risking too much to re-establish them."

"The legislature of this island have passed an act, making it felony for those maroons to return to Jamaica; their future destination must of course be fixed by his majesty: Those maroons are now in three transport ships; the *Dover* (24), lieutenant Wilsen, in the transport service, is one of the three vessels: I could wish extremely to keep them in Port-Royal Bay, in Jamaica, until the king's pleasure should be known, but the very great scarcity of provisions that now unfortunately prevails here, and the convenience of getting the transports, puts me under the necessity of sending them away to another port: I have therefore to request that they may be permitted to come to anchor at Halifax, until his majesty's pleasure is signified; and, from the early intimation I have given to his majesty's ministers, respecting the temporary allotment of those people, there cannot be a doubt but orders will arrive on the subject, at Halifax, about three weeks after you receive this letter."

"One of the members of the house of assembly, Mr. Quarrell, accompanies the maroons: he has a letter of credit, and is very deserving of any attention that may be paid to him; he has also a commission, which he will of course lay before you."

"It would be a most fortunate and pleasing circumstance to the island of Jamaica, the permitting Mr. Quarrell to purchase some lands in Nova-Scotia or New-Brunswick, for the settling of those maroons, and he is charged with instructions (should this be granted to him), to provide suitable clothing and implements, and whatever else is deemed necessary for their establishment:"

And the lieutenant-governor is also instructed by his majesty's ministers, "to omit nothing in his power, which is not inconsistent with the safety of the inhabitants of the province, which can tend to the accommodation of the maroons, by supplying them with provisions, and every other necessary that can alleviate the distresses of their unhappy situation;" and "to adopt such means, as local circumstances shall point out as most expedient for disposing of those people, within the province, in such manner as may most effectually enforce their quiet and peaceable behaviour, secure his majesty's subjects from any just cause of alarm, and may at the same time best enable the maroons to support themselves, by their own labour and industry."

And the lieutenant-governor thereupon does, from motives of the most perfectly disinterested duty to the king, and of the highest and most sincere respect and honest good will and disposition toward the interest and honour of the island of Jamaica, exert his best judgment and utmost endeavour, with zeal and integrity, to promote the object of Mr. Quarrell's mission, by every assistance in his power, without any the most distant thoughts of benefit of any kind, or in any manner whatever, to himself, or at any time, or by any act or endeavour whatever, either directly or indirectly, having sought (as Mr. Quarrell very unwarrantably has asserted he did) to have the maroons taken from the charge of the island's agents, and committed to his exclusive direction: Sir John Wentworth never conceived such a desire; regard to his own ease and interest might have caused the reverse, but could not admit of such a wish; nor did he ever express or write a sentence, or take any one measure or step to that end, or with that view; but, on the contrary, regardless of his own ease, he persevered, through every difficulty

culty and discouragement, in supporting Mr. Quarrell, both publicly and privately, with all the attention, candour, and unreserved aid, that was due to the very sincerely and very much respected authorities, whose approbation recommended him to that notice and consideration.

While Sir John Wentworth was actuated by those principles and motives, and by those alone, Mr. Quarrell and his assistant, conceiving different selfish views, secretly counteract each other's measures; and the speedy relief of the island of Jamaica, by establishing the maroons in the means and practice of providing for themselves, by their own labour and industry, appears to be no longer the object of their attention or united wishes: The bills of exchange drawn by the agent on the credit of the island, for the settlement of the maroons, are returned, dishonoured for want of means: Various perplexities arise: The agent can obtain neither money, supplies, or credit, to subsist either himself or the maroons, who are in danger of perishing for want, or being driven to desperation: Sir John Wentworth is resorted to for aid: Not for profit, such as was afterwards paid to messieurs Cochrans (1000*l.*) for the like aid, but, from a cordial and disinterested desire to support the honour and credit of the island of Jamaica, and their agent, and to prevent Mr. Quarrell from being compelled immediately to abandon his trust, endorses his bills, and relieves him from embarrassment: The agents are recalled, and their testimony, such as it is, liable to every exception and objection, is, it must be said, rather hastily, made the sole ground of an unjust censure upon the only person perfectly uninterested by any expectation or desire of benefit, although subject to far the greater part of the trouble attending the business of settling the maroons, besides sustaining a certain expence, without expecting to be reimbursed.

Sir John Wentworth, without regarding the indecencies that have been offered to him in the course of the business, which the respect due to his own reputation bids him to pass as unworthy his notice, has the superior and undisturbed satisfaction to avow, not only generally, but in every instance, and in every particular, the part he has taken, the advice he has given, and the determinations he has made, as occasions required of him to act, to advise, or to decide; and, conscious of the integrity and rectitude of his intentions, and equally well satisfied, on reflection, with the motives and judgment that were invariably his guide, he is confident, that the recital of facts will amply entitle him to the approbation and thanks, which were the only recompense he desired, or had any hope for, without his descending into a formal refutation of fallacious and shameless *ex parte* testimony, contradictory and anonymous letters, and all the wretched expedients of contrivance to excuse or veil misconduct, and to procure more money.

Sir John Wentworth cannot, for a moment, entertain an opinion so highly injurious to the house of assembly of Jamaica, as to imagine that any one of its members will incline to adhere to a sudden determination, which they have been deceived into by such unfair practices, to the prejudice of an absent gentleman, long, in stations of public trust and responsibility, taught the sacred and inestimable worth of truth and honour; and who, at the moment those resolutions were framing, was, in such a station of trust and responsibility, excluding the possibility of selfish views, and with the most friendly and upright intentions, endeavouring to promote the best interest of the island, and to render services to its inhabitants.

Mr. Quarrell affects to lament, that instead of dispersing the maroons throughout the province, in different vacant barracks, he was advised to settle them together at Preston: The project of sending the maroons to those vacant barracks, was schemed by William Cottnam Tonge, esquire, but never sanctioned by the serious attention, much less approbation, of Mr. Quarrell; who, on the first mention, perceived the folly, as well as the design, of the proposition; which was, that a principal part of the maroons should be stationed at Windsor, under the care and charge of Mr. Tonge, with a suitable salary or emolument, for one year; while lands were to be purchased, and houses built for their reception, the ensuing winter: In the interim, Mr. Tonge was to furnish all their fuel from off his own estate, and their provisions, and such other articles as they should have occasion for, by purchase from his tenants and friends; and, at the end of one year, if no new scheme of profit interposed, the maroons were to be removed to their new settlements; and the barracks, at the expence of the maroon fund, put into such order and repair as they were when taken possession of.

If the different barracks where it was proposed to send the maroons could have been procured,

(which it is more than probable they could not) the cost of taking the maroons there, and of providing for them, as was the aim and intent of the scheme, and afterwards removing them to other settlements, would have equalled, if not exceeded, the whole expence incurred in that year, including the purchase of ready-built houses for their immediate accommodation, and lands for their future cultivation and support; and, in place of affording opportunity to Mr. Quarrell, and his assistant, to encourage the maroons to work on lands that were to be their future dependance and support, they would have remained in idleness, and, after the loss of a year, the expence of purchases, and building, must have been the same as if no such movement had taken place.

The sending such a description of people among the inhabitants who, in the districts where those vacant barracks were, had conceived horror and aversions to the character given of them in general report, would certainly have occasioned very great uneasiness and discontent, if not more serious consequences: Had sir John Wentworth withheld his advice against such a measure, so evidently, on every account, unadvisable, he would have merited the blame that the disappointed have disingenuously endeavoured to cast upon him; and he would most certainly have received that blame, in loud censures by every individual in Nova-Scotia, except the under agents, and contractors at the different maroon barracks.

Mr. Quarrell, and every other person who heard of the attempt, considered it but as a warning to future caution; besides these objections, the lieutenant-governor could not have justified himself to his majesty, for permitting a people so lately in arms against his government and authority, and still complaining of injustice and ill treatment, to be located at a distance from the garrison of Halifax: An invitation to the emissaries of France, and every other enemy to order and good government.

Here it may be proper to notice the remark, that the maroons might have better and sooner subsisted themselves, by their own labour, in some part of the country on the coasts of the Bay of Fundy, than at Preston: Had there been any interior location, in other respects equally suitable, a preference, for the reasons before mentioned, must have been given to Preston: And, as to forming scattered settlements among the inhabitants, possessing such prejudices as the accounts given of the maroons occasioned, was an experiment both unwise, and impracticable to effect, and could only tend to an increase of expence: But the fact is otherwise; no situation so proper could have been procured: A maroon at Preston, without having any thing new to learn, can improve his time to immediate advantage and profit, and receive the daily benefit of a ready and certain market for his vegetables, poultry, pigs, &c. and be at the same time encouraged to more extensive improvements; whereas, on the coasts of the Bay of Fundy, he must be made to understand farming, and must be a diligent farmer for a length of time, before he can produce any thing worth his trouble in bringing from so great a distance, to the only market in the province, at Halifax.

Had there been any situations in the province, so fit for the maroons, taking in all the circumstances that led to a determination, they must have been generally known; and Mr. Quarrell's assistant would have seen them, in his tour through the country, or have heard of them, from some of his private friends and informers; and they certainly would have been pointed out and named, as readily as Mr. Quarrell mentions the circumstance of Mr. Tonge, after his failure in the first attempt, proposing that the island of Jamaica should advance him the sum he then wanted, to relieve his patrimony from incumbrance, on his engaging to provide for some of the maroons (where it would have been exceedingly improper, if not altogether impracticable to settle them), and provide security; by means of which, and suits at law, on his failure in the performance of his engagements, the island might, at some future period, recover the money paid towards the discharge of a claim upon his estate, which, for want of that advance, he has not been able to pay any part of, and for the payment of which, the estate has since been put up to sale at public auction.

This project was communicated to sir John Wentworth, not accompanied with the approbation of Mr. Quarrell, who now, with design and unfairness brings it forward, but the reverse; and it was then, and ever, considered a second attempt, by one whose circumstances prompted his advances, regardless of every other consideration, destitute of efficient means to accomplish what he proposed to undertake, and unable to furnish the security he offered.

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Had sir John Wentworth, under such conviction, and without any recommendation or opinion whatever in favour of the proposal, advised the measure, he could only expect that a certain failure, and disappointment, would have reproached his want of discernment and sincerity: He, at this moment, thinks himself most perfectly safe in declaring, that there is not, in Nova-Scotia, an individual who may be estimated competent to form a rational and discreet judgment on this particular circumstance, who would not have agreed (and still agree) with him in the opinion, and in all the reasons that led to it; and, if Mr. Quarrell had not been pressed to extremity, by pecuniary expectations, and private views, sir John Wentworth could, with equal safety, appeal to his opinion, on every part of the same subject: Certain it is, however, that if Mr. Quarrell, or Mr. Ochterlony, could have named any disinterested person, who recommended or approved the measure, or any other of the measures that they now speak in favour of, it may be fairly concluded those names would have appeared; and, from their not appearing, it may be concluded, with equal fairness and certainty, that they had no such name to call upon; not only so, but more, they cannot with truth use their own names, to supply the want acknowledged by their silence.

With respect to the proposal of removing the maroons to Georgia, at the expence of the island of Jamaica, sir John Wentworth, for the same reasons that are so emphatically urged, and steadily supported, by the house of assembly for Jamaica, on the subject of emigrants from St. Domingo, could not expect that the United States of America would, willingly, receive a still more dangerous people; especially into a district of country, so much exposed to the mischievous machinations of French and Spanish emissaries; and as particularly exposed to the evils most to be apprehended from the maroons; and, notwithstanding Mr. Quarrell, and his assistant, very frequently indulging their hatred in invective against the people of those states, sir John Wentworth did not think it compatible with his duty to the British government, or the interest of the island of Jamaica, to sanction a measure that might, and was so likely to be, the cause of future discontent and misunderstandings; and, not unlikely, of a sequel more dangerous to the tranquillity of Jamaica, than either the French emigrants from St. Domingo, or the maroons, with arms in their hands, at Trelawny-Town.

The measure respecting alleged promises of sir John Wentworth, to recommend the removal of the maroons, has been mis-stated: The conversation he had was the reverse: The paper, written after being earnestly and repeatedly urged by Mr. Quarrell, contains no such idea, nor was any such intended; it was solely to convey their wishes to government, and, by that fairness, to do away and counteract the mistrusts, insidiously implanted in their minds: It was done with the particular advice of Mr. Quarrell, and in his presence; he read the paper, said it was fair, and reproved some of the maroons for wanting any other satisfaction or statement: If Mr. Quarrell then entertained any objections, he would, or ought in candour to sir John Wentworth, and fidelity to his employers, to have suggested them, and prevented the measure.

This observation is a just and full reply to every disapprobation Mr. Quarrell expresses to the measures of sir John Wentworth; which were all of them communicated to Mr. Quarrell, with unreserved truth and confidence; directed and determined by motives of integrity, and respect toward the public interest; perfectly free from any secret or unworthy views, or any concealment whatever.

The loan of provisions, made graciously, and with that spirit of wisdom and benignity which pre-eminently distinguishes his royal highness prince Edward, in every instance, that afforded him an opportunity of extending support and aid to the interests of his majesty's government, is not stated rightly: Mr. Quarrell, and his assistant, were desired by the commissary-general to take their choice of the flour then landing from several vessels: If they neglected, and received bad flour, without any objection, they certainly were, at least, careless of the interest confided to them; and ought, in justice, to pay all the loss which resulted; which loss may perhaps have been further increased by Mr. Quarrell's purchase at New-York, to replace, or for the further use of the maroons; which could not be a profitable measure to the public, as, exclusive of considerable charges attending, part of the purchase was so badly chosen, that it was rejected by the maroons, became sour in store, and finally turned to little or no account: As to sir John Wentworth's suggesting to Mr. Quarrell, to solicit an order from government,

to facilitate the mode of repayment, there can be nothing more probable, because just, prudent, and reasonable.

With regard to the communication stated between colonel Leonard and the maroons, under the guidance of Mr. Quarrell, and his deputy, it was a secret transaction on their part, as were many more: If they had been just and honourable, what need of concealment? or, why clandestinely embark Samuels, a maroon, to promote views and purposes that they feared could not bear the test of inquiry, or even inspection? Sir John Wentworth entertaining a good opinion of colonel Leonard, is convinced he did not know that Samuels's expedition was unauthorized by any consent of his grace the duke of Portland, and directly contrary to sir John Wentworth's opinion, and tending to mischief only; and impossible to produce any good, as Mr. Quarrell is highly sensible of, when he afterwards urges Mr. Walpole, to procure something of consent from the duke of Portland, and send to him (and also duplicate), that may enable him to escape the censure he expresses a just apprehension of, from a consciousness that he merited it.

On Samuels's passage from England, he was captured by the French, and, for several months, resided in France, where he was treated with great kindness and attention, which had exceedingly engaged his attachment and affection, as he himself told sir John Wentworth; but artfully declined communicating, although he did not deny, that very many inquiries were made about maroons, and Jamaica: Time only can develope what information he gave; certain it is, however, that neither the British government, nor the island of Jamaica, are much obliged to Mr. Quarrell, and his colleague, for being the cause of so dangerous an event.

As colonel Leonard has been mentioned to be a gentleman for whom sir John Wentworth entertains respect, which it gives him pleasure still to mention and confirm, he will give that gentleman an opportunity to offer his testimony, in the fullest manner, on the subject of the maroons' settlement, and the conduct of its several managers: It may not be amiss, here, to observe and rectify an assertion, "that sir John Wentworth solicited and obtained a valuable appointment for colonel Leonard": This, like many other things stated in the evidence offered against sir John Wentworth, is not true: Colonel Leonard was appointed to his present office, many years before sir John Wentworth's appointment to the government of Nova-Scotia, and several years before he was acquainted with colonel Leonard, and with the same salary as for many years past: At the same time that truth claims this explanation, sir John Wentworth readily adds, that he should have gladly rejoiced in advancing so respectable and worthy a man, to an office he is particularly well qualified to be usefully employed in.

The remarks and implication that point to the reverend Mr. Gray, and doctor Fraser, are equally unfounded, unjust, and illiberal; neither of those gentlemen are any way related to sir John Wentworth; and it is well known to the authors of these ill-grounded remarks, that they both own estates in this province, which render them the very opposite to what is insinuated respecting them: It would have been better for Mr. Ochterlony's employers, if he had acted with that upright intention which governs the conduct of those gentlemen, instead of forming opposition parties, and pursuing those views, that led him to the disgraceful and unprincipled practice of corrupting the mind of an unexperienced youth, to make him the instrument of forgery, and the grossest deceptions.

Mr. Quarrell disclaims approving either the church or the school; and sir John Wentworth is happy to acknowledge the measure was his, and that the church and school are still continued, with better success than when they were discouraged: It was a duty incumbent upon the lieutenant-governor, to take care that six hundred pagans, of their description, should not be settled in a province under his administration, without a careful and faithful establishment for their instruction in the Christian religion, and in reading and writing the English language; by which means alone, can any people be reclaimed, and fitted for living in a British colony. It must appear evident, that the ideas contained in the sentiments of Mr. Quarrell, being for a moment suffered, would be of the most dangerous consequence; they are the infectious poison, from which the French usurpations have spread the plagues of revolt.

As to the removal of Mr. Ochterlony it was first and frequently proposed by Mr. Quarrell. Sir John  
Wentworth.

Wentworth, not then fully acquainted with that man's character and vicious practices, wished exceedingly that it might have been prevented, if possible: It was represented by Mr. Quarrell, that Mr. Ochterlony had been unsuccessfully soliciting an appointment in some branch of the customs in Jamaica; and that he might be persuaded to attach himself more to promoting the settlement of the maroons, if Sir John Wentworth would aid his solicitations in his behalf; this was acceded to, and in Mr. Quarrell's presence, Mr. Ochterlony promised his best and faithful endeavours for the interest of his employers. Sir John Wentworth wrote to solicit as promised, but Mr. Ochterlony, in ten days, departed from his promise, and exerted all his influence, artifice, and powers, to obstruct the settlement; to poison the minds of the maroons; and to lead them to idleness, disobedience, and mistrust: Nor was his conduct less wicked, and tending to stir up sedition among the inhabitants. Mr. Quarrell represented his conduct in the strongest terms, and insisted upon the necessity of immediately separating him from the maroons, as he was dangerous to all peace and order: Sir John Wentworth could no longer palliate, or place any hope of a better conduct: It was evident he had formed a party, and was pursuing with them a system ruinous to the settlement, and tending to disseminate sedition; for which purpose the grossest language, falsehoods, and indecencies, were outrageously scattered abroad: Sir John Wentworth, of course, approved of Mr. Quarrell's sentiments, and he (Mr. Quarrell) dismissed his deputy.

The appointment of captain Howe was upon the unanimous voice of every person, acquainted with that gentleman, concurring with Sir John Wentworth's own knowledge of his great ability to be serviceable in that station: Mr. Quarrell's cordial and high approbation of the appointment, in his letter to captain Howe, of the 8th August, 1797, very justly expresses the inducements to so general a recommendation, and are in these words; *viz.*

"When it is known the charge of the maroons is in your hands, under the general direction of Sir John Wentworth, the public of Jamaica, and those concerned therein, residents in England, will learn with pleasure it is in the hands of a man of no inconsiderable knowledge of the world, but more particularly of Nova-Scotia and Jamaica, where a great portion of your life has been spent; and that, particularly from your long residence in the latter, and knowledge of a considerable part of the maroons and maroon country, you reasonably may be supposed to have as great an influence with them, as most men can have; besides the further advantage looked for, from your having settled farms from the woods here, and, I learn, as competent as any man in the colony as a cultivator: Your situation as a respectable and useful member of the legislature, and many other considerations, enable me, with pleasure, to mention your name among those to many of whom you are no stranger, and announce your taking upon yourself an office which, I do not flatter you in saying, there is no man here fit for but yourself."

Such like recommendations, and strong inducements, and not partially, placed captain Howe in a situation where much good was to be expected from his abilities and exertions, and from which he was removed when his usefulness ceased. Mr. Ochterlony's remarks (equally fallacious and indecent) upon the conduct, views, and wishes, of Sir John Wentworth, all, as he acknowledges, originating, and grounded upon the dictates and representations of his own mind and imagination, are so likely to be the predominant sentiments prevailing in the breast and thoughts of a man, capable of such a part as he has been detected in, and convicted of, in the affairs of the maroons settlement, that Sir John Wentworth considers the most proper reply, and the only one merited, will be found in the letters and observations of those who have had occasion to expose his insidious duplicity, secret artifice, treacherous designs, and immoral, unprincipled, and abandoned profligacy; proved, and uncontradicted, except by his bare evasion, equivocation, or denial.

The maroon accounts, for the period on which Mr. Quarrell has, inconsiderately, hazarded so much improper remark, are now in course of examination by the council, in order that they may be properly audited and authenticated, to accompany this state of facts; when they will prove a contradiction to Mr. Quarrell's assertion in that respect; and shew, that his predictions are no more entitled to credit, than his representations are to belief.

In stating that commissions were given to maroons, it should have been stated also, that it was upon the request of the agents, who gave in the names of those for whose fidelity they became a pledge of responsibility, on the commissions being signed in their presence: And further, that when the misconduct of the maroons, and of their principal instigator, was apparent, those appointments were vacated: To which may be added, that though sir John Wentworth had, at one time, intended to attach the maroons, under the command of Mr. Ochterlony, to the riflemen, that intention gave place to a different determination; which was, in case of invasion or alarm, to secure Mr. Ochterlony, in such a way as effectually to prevent him from doing any more mischief.

The maroons employed in the government house were paid at the rate, and clothed in the manner, of English servants of their class, although they were not employed because their services were wanted; but, with a view to remove all kind of prepossessions against them, from the minds of the inhabitants, and at the same time give encouragement and comfort to the maroons: Fifty or more of them, at a time, have, with the same view, and without any cost to the concern, been accommodated in the offices at sir John Wentworth's farm, where he occasionally resided.

The censure passed by the house of assembly, upon the accounts of sir John Wentworth, have been no less premature, than their liberality to Mr. Quarrell has been singularly expended, in a gratuity of 3000 dollars sent to Mr. Moody, clerk to the maroon concerns, with an invitation from himself and Mr. Tharp, to go, on their account, to Jamaica; where they engage to provide for him, better than can be done in Nova-Scotia.

J. WENTWORTH.

Halifax, Nova-Scotia, 27th June, 1799.

No. 2.

MICHAEL WALLACE, *treasurer of the province of Nova-Scotia, and one of the representatives of the county of Halifax in general assembly, declares upon oath,*

That having, through various channels, received early information of the intention of the government of Jamaica, to send the maroons to some of his majesty's North-American colonies, and that Nova-Scotia would most probably be their destination, their arrival in this province was consequently expected and looked for by this deponent:

That, shortly after their arrival at Halifax, this deponent, considering the public situation in which he stood in the community, not only as a magistrate, but also as representative of a large proportion of the inhabitants of the province, whose sentiments he was well acquainted with, deemed it his indispensable duty to wait upon his excellency sir John Wentworth, baronet, the lieutenant-governor, and respectfully solicit such information, in regard to the motives that induced the island of Jamaica to send the maroons to this province, and the objects intended thereby, as he hoped might enable him to quiet and satisfy the public mind, which at that moment was very much agitated:

That his excellency was pleased to reply to this deponent's request, and say, "that he had never been consulted on the propriety of sending the maroons to Nova-Scotia, nor had any official knowledge thereof until their arrival; but that he had then received, by the agent that accompanied them, a letter from his excellency the earl of Balcarres, stating the urgent necessity there was for removing the maroons from the island of Jamaica; and that he, lord Balcarres, had acquainted his majesty's ministers with the resolution he had taken, of ordering them to Nova-Scotia, to await his majesty's pleasure, and that he had no doubt such instructions would immediately be sent to sir John Wentworth, as were proper and satisfactory on the occasion."

And the said sir John Wentworth further added, "that under such circumstances, and revolving in his mind the precarious and exposed situation of his majesty's West-India islands, and also the caution necessary to be observed in Canada, for the quiet and security of his majesty's faithful subjects there, he did not think it consistent with his duty to the king to refuse Mr. Quarrell, the agent, permission to remain with the maroons until his majesty's pleasure thereupon should be known, as he did not apprehend any ill consequences would result to the province, nor danger to its inhabitants:"

Deponent further says, that he requested also to be informed by his excellency sir John Wentworth, what means were provided for the support and maintenance of the said maroons, as it appeared

to the deponent very improbable that they could be removed until the ensuing spring, even if it should be his majesty's pleasure so to do: To which the said sir John Wentworth was pleased to answer, "that the legislature of Jamaica had voted 25,000*l.* (to the best of deponent's remembrance) for that purpose, and had authorized William Dawes Quarrell, its agent and commissary, to draw for the same, as occasions required; and, if it should finally be determined that the maroons were to remain and be settled in the province, the island of Jamaica would undoubtedly furnish them with the means of subsistence, until they should be enabled, by their own labour, to support themselves:"

Deponent having doubts in his mind, of the probability that the maroons would be removed from hence, or at any rate not before the return of peace, which was thought then, as the event has fully proved, to be a very uncertain and perhaps distant period, took the liberty to state to sir John Wentworth, that it could not be hoped or expected, even with active and well directed industry, in this or any other of his majesty's American provinces, that the maroons, capable of labour, would be able to support themselves entirely, in a less space of time than three years; and, after that period, it was reasonable to expect many old men and women, and likewise orphan children, must unavoidably be supported for a very indefinite time; and that the agent of the island of Jamaica should be so informed, in order to apprise that government of the necessity of making, and continuing, future provision for such maroons: This opinion the deponent some time afterwards, in the course of conversation, had an opportunity of personally stating to the said William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, and received an answer from him, which this deponent thought candid, fair, and satisfactory; *viz.* "That the island of Jamaica having, for special reasons, judged it necessary to waive some of the stipulations in the treaty, which the maroons had contended for and obtained, and which were by them considered of the utmost importance to their future happiness, and having also been deprived of their landed property in the island, by which they had heretofore lived independent, and in a way they felt to be comfortable and congenial to their habits and views of life, it therefore was incumbent upon the legislature of Jamaica, to put them in a way of supporting themselves, wherever they should be settled, and whatever the expence might be; and, if that had not been duly considered by the legislature, previous to their being sent away, there could be no reason why it should not afterwards;" or words to that effect:

Deponent further states, that a short time after the maroons had been landed, and encamped behind the Citadel Hill, where they became very sickly, owing, as he believes, to their being so long confined on board ship, and the sudden change of diet and water, his excellency sir John Wentworth sent for this deponent, to consult upon the most eligible means of quartering and accommodating the maroons, until instructions should be received from his majesty, in regard to their future settlement or destination: That this deponent, after some inquiry and deliberation, reported to sir John Wentworth, that there were neither houses nor barracks, in or about the town of Halifax, on the western side of the harbour, to quarter the maroons, and that, if his excellency were to direct barracks to be built, anywise contiguous to the town, it would certainly create much uneasiness; and besides, the expence of such a building or buildings, with the addition of fuel purchased in town, during a long winter, would be very great, and the buildings would become of no value in the event of the maroons being removed, which must be the case, if it was finally determined that they should have lands located for them to settle upon and cultivate: These considerations induced the deponent further to report to his excellency, that there were in the township of Preston, on the eastern side of the harbour, and only six miles distant from Halifax, a number of vacant houses and small lots of cleared land, which had been occupied by the black people that were sent to Sierra-Leone, and by disbanded soldiers; the fee simple of which might be procured at a very moderate price, and would eventually prove far less expensive, and, in every point of view, the most suitable and proper situation to place the maroons, even if a choice presented itself: Fuel, which was so material a consideration, was contiguous, and to be had all around this settlement; a sufficiency of land already cleared, to amuse or fully occupy their whole labour for a year or two, in raising potatoes and other roots and vegetables, for their own consumption and for market; a carriage-road to and through the whole of this settlement already made, which might be easily kept in repair; and, in the rear of the township, considerable tracts of excellent land, which might be purchased on

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reasonable terms, if the maroons discovered inclinations to cultivate and extend their improvements; which lands it would be much more advisable to purchase, than to settle them upon his majesty's ungranted lands, at a great distance from market; and where, most probably, there were no roads of communication, either to transport their supplies from Halifax, or the surplus produce of their lands to market: That, whilst sir John Wentworth had this report under consideration, and before any resolution formed thereupon, his majesty's instructions, transmitted by his grace the duke of Portland, did arrive, directing to settle the maroons in Nova-Scotia, in the way and manner the said sir John Wentworth judged to be the best calculated to promote their present comfort and future happiness: Whereupon, the said sir John Wentworth desired this deponent to attend his excellency, and the agents of the island of Jamaica, to Preston; and, when there, this deponent pointed out to the said agents, a number of the houses and lots above-mentioned, with which they appeared entirely satisfied, and so much approved of the general situation of this settlement, for the accommodation of the maroons, that they the said agents instantly proceeded to negotiate with the different proprietors, and actually made a number of purchases in the course of a very few days; and the maroons themselves, when carried over from Halifax, to take possession of the houses and lots, shewed a perfect satisfaction and content by their countenances, and repeatedly, in the presence of, and to this deponent, expressed their gratitude, and sense of the humane attention shewn them by sir John Wentworth, in order to alleviate their misfortunes: Deponent states, that this contentment and satisfaction continued among the maroons until winter set in, with the exception of five or six turbulent incendiaries, whom Mr. Ochterlony well knew, and ought to have pointed out, and to have requested sir John Wentworth to have them removed, and detached from the rest, where their caballing could have done no harm; which, if done, the deponent is well convinced, would have secured and continued tranquillity and entire subordination:

Deponent further states, that his excellency sir John Wentworth, immediately upon communicating to deponent the instructions he had received, to settle the maroons in this province, did require and expect of the deponent, as a magistrate, and, to the deponent's knowledge, of several other magistrates and persons of great respectability and influence in the country, to give all the aid in their power, by advice and assistance, to the agents, and acts of kindness to the maroons, in order to promote and expedite their comfortable settlement; which desire of the said sir John Wentworth, this deponent knows to have been faithfully and most zealously obeyed and practised by many individuals, until it was discovered that Mr. Ochterlony, the assistant agent, was counteracting their well meant endeavours, and continually treating with contempt and ridicule, in the most unreserved and unqualified terms, all ideas that had a tendency to lead to settlement and sober industry:

That, when the cold weather set in, accompanied with snow as usual, it was reasonably to be expected, and the agents were duly apprized, that a contrast so sudden and so great would naturally affect the maroons; it therefore became an essential and important duty of the superintending agent, to increase his attention to their wants, and to cherish and encourage them to bear with and support a trial which, at first, they might possibly feel severely, but which would be attended with no ill consequences, if they made a proper use of their clothing, and the effects would gradually diminish every succeeding season: But, instead of acting in this manner, as he was repeatedly advised and admonished to do, Mr. Ochterlony talked and complained more loudly and incessantly than the maroons themselves, declaring his prejudices against the province and the climate, as well as against individuals of high consideration in it; and likewise, in the presence of the maroons asserting, and insisting on, the utter impossibility of their ever earning a subsistence in Nova-Scotia, or even existing in it, if they were to be furnished with provisions: Yet, notwithstanding those absurd and ill-founded ideas and assertions, the winter passed without any material inconvenience; for, although the maroons, owing to their astonishing indolence, would not make the proper use of the warm clothing that was given them, and having a general aversion to the wearing of shoes, so essential a defence against cold, yet, upon the return of spring, there appeared infinitely fewer bad effects upon the maroons, from the length and severity of the winter, than upon the poorer class of white people in the neighbourhood; and it cannot admit of a doubt,

that if a similar number of white people, placed in the same situation, had conducted themselves in so very improper and careless a manner, as the maroons did the first winter, one half would have been in the hospital, or dead, before the spring; which is a proof that the constitutions of the black species are stronger than those of the white, and better calculated to endure labour and hardships: The deponent further states, as a matter of fact ascertained, that the mortality or sickness amongst the maroons at Preston, was not so great as among the white inhabitants, in the same ratio of numbers; so inconsiderable indeed, as to excite inquiry and produce universal surprise!

The maroons having, to the personal knowledge and almost daily observation of the deponent, passed this ordeal of a first winter in Nova-Scotia, as above stated, and to the conviction of every person but Mr. Ochterlony, and one or two others who warmly seconded his views, deponent sought and availed himself of all opportunities to reason with, and endeavour to convince him (who, from their first arrival, had the immediate management of the maroons), that the experience of a winter in Nova-Scotia had shewn, most incontestibly, how ill founded his opinions and prejudices were; that the maroons were generally healthy and vigorous, which was regularly and uniformly confirmed by Mr. Oxley, their surgeon; that they ought to be employed, and gradually brought to labour, if it were only to preserve their health; but there were other reasons equally urgent to induce him, Mr. Ochterlony, to exert himself to introduce habits of industry among the maroons, which the island of Jamaica would most certainly expect of him, or whoever had the charge of them; for it would be too absurd to suppose, that the legislature of that island would continue to feed and clothe five or six hundred people in idleness, where means were most unquestionably in their power, to assist themselves: Such, and many other arguments, were reiterated by this deponent to Mr. Ochterlony, until deponent was completely satisfied that they were of no avail, and that he, Mr. O. had seriously no intention to encourage the maroons to work, although he had occasionally made some shew of such a disposition, in consequence of the strong remonstrances of sir John Wentworth, supported by Mr. Quarrell:

The deponent further states, that, notwithstanding the promises made by Ochterlony to sir John Wentworth and Mr. Quarrell, to change his system, and pursue a different line of conduct with the maroons (which was in his power,) yet he either totally disregarded those promises, or performed them with so much negligence and indifference, that this deponent could see no visible effects of it among the maroons, as they still continued to indulge themselves in the most shameless indolence, highly disgraceful to those who had the immediate charge of them, and of the most pernicious example to society: Therefore, about this period, the deponent took the liberty to represent to William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, what he had observed with regard to the management of the maroons, and the ill consequences that must inevitably result, if a different system was not immediately and vigorously adopted: That, very soon afterwards, the deponent has reason to believe, the said W. D. Quarrell was so far satisfied and convinced, by his own observation, and the various information he had received, that he at last discharged Mr. Ochterlony from the further management of the maroons: But, unfortunately, as the deponent apprehended, the measure was too long delayed; for, the influence which Mr. Ochterlony had obtained by his indulgence, if not encouragement, of their idle habits, and gratification of their propensities to gaming, cock-fighting, &c. with continual insinuations that a perseverance in their resistance to labour, would ultimately effect their removal, had made so obvious an impression, and taken such deep root, that the most serious obstacles and difficulties were to be expected: Those mischievous ideas were kept alive and fomented, by leading and artful characters among the maroons, who also kept up a regular communication and correspondence with Ochterlony, to the last hour that he remained in the province; and those maroons boast even now, of his corresponding, either directly or indirectly, with them; and of his, and other of his and their friends, advocating their cause: A complete proof of which has recently come to light, and confessed by some of the most candid of the maroons, in the petition addressed to the house of commons, and carried home by captain Hale, in October last, immediately after his royal highness's prince Edward had, with the most humane and condescending attention, inquired into the management of the maroon affairs, and refused to receive petitions from them, knowing their complaints were unreasonable, frivolous, and groundless; which sentiments

were delivered by his royal highness's adjutant-general, lieutenant-colonel Weatherall, with a most friendly and salutary advice, in the presence of this deponent, to the chiefs of the maroons at Preston, assembled for the purpose :

Deponent further states, that upon the dismissal of Ochterlony, it became a matter of some difficulty to find a person qualified to superintend the maroons, considering the very disorderly state in which they had been left by him : Mr. Quarrell's delicate constitution, and frequent ill health, rendered it impracticable for him to engage in so laborious a duty : A military man was therefore selected, with approbation of Mr. Quarrell, to take upon him this now very arduous task : Captain Alexander Howe, having lived several years in Jamaica, and by that means acquired some knowledge of the character of maroons, and the general treatment of negroes ; had been long in the army, and used to command ; of a respectable rank, and possessing sufficient address ; with a perfect knowledge of the agriculture and mode of farming best adapted to this climate and soil, was the person appointed : Hopes were entertained, that this gentleman might be successful in his endeavours to subdue the disobedient temper and idle habits of the maroons ; but, before his appointment, the season for planting and farming was considerably advanced, and the only work they could be employed in, during the fall months, to any sort of advantage, was cutting down fire-wood for the winter, and by that means clearing and preparing land for planting, the succeeding spring ; in which, however, they made very little progress ; and, on the approach of winter, desisted altogether : Captain Howe did not then judge it expedient to use coercive measures, flattering himself that, by temporising, he would be enabled to lead them out, on the return of spring, to planting and other active labour, but in this he found himself completely deceived, and it was evident to the deponent, that he had either mistaken the true character of the maroons, or estimated too lightly the bad effects of Mr. Ochterlony's agency, for this indulgence, and temporising system of captain Howe, served only to confirm the vicious habits they had acquired under his predecessor : On this subject, deponent had frequent conversations with William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, in the course of the winter and spring that captain Howe had the superintendence of the maroons ; in which the deponent frequently urged Mr. Quarrell to represent the necessity, and to unite with sir John Wentworth, in removing captain Howe ; but which the said William Dawes Quarrell always declined. Early in the summer, however, sir John Wentworth discovering, that the flattering reports which had been made him, from time to time, by captain Howe, of *his* hopes, and *their* promises, that the maroons would turn out to work, were not realized ; and that his (sir John Wentworth's) repeated instructions, and urgent commands, were either evaded or disobeyed ; He immediately came to the resolution of dismissing captain Howe also, and left the maroons in charge of an overseer ; who had acted faithfully, but ineffectually, in a subordinate station, under Mr. Quarrell, Ochterlony, and captain Howe, thereby reducing an expensive domestic establishment, and the additional one of a surgeon at four hundred pounds *per annum*, exclusive of his table, &c. From this period only, the deponent states as matter of fact within his knowledge, can it be said, that sir John Wentworth's advice and orders have been fully obeyed, or even seriously attempted to be put in practice, for the rational and effectual settlement of the maroons : Deponent nevertheless states, that the system and orders issued thereon, by sir John Wentworth, since the dismissal of captain Howe, in July, 1798, which have been unequivocally and zealously pursued ever since, has not produced all the good effects that are to be wished ; nor could it be expected, after a ground-work of obstruction had been so long laid and matured : But the deponent knows, that if the maroons have not been greatly improved, the expence attending them has been greatly lessened ; and the deponent is very far from supposing, that the majority of the maroons are irreclaimable, if sir John Wentworth's salutary instructions are followed up, under the present, or similar superintendence :

Deponent further states, that the idea of dispersing the maroons, upon their admission into Nova-Scotia, which has been mentioned in the examinations taken before the assembly of Jamaica, is erroneous, and results from that want of a tention, and serious consideration of the subject of settling the maroons, which too strongly marked the whole conduct of the agents of the island of Jamaica : Such a project was inadmissible in point of policy, as it respected the province of Nova-Scotia, and equally so

in point of economy and expence, as it regarded the island of Jamaica; unless, indeed, it had been part of a preconcerted plan, to endeavour to effect a landing in Nova-Scotia, and disperse them by any means, so that the island of Jamaica might be rid of trouble and expence: But humanity, and sir John Wentworth's regard for the feelings of his majesty's subjects in Nova-Scotia, were opposed to such a measure: That their dispersion, however, was a consequence that would gradually follow, and be put in practice, as soon as they had acquired a sufficient knowledge of agriculture, and discovered inclinations and exertions to support themselves, deponent knows to have been sir John Wentworth's positive design; and the settlement of the maroons at Preston, as stated in the first part of this affidavit, had this object specifically and substantially in view, as the best adapted for accelerating this important purpose: The agents, particularly Mr. Ochterlony, well know the cause that gave rise to the settlement at Boydville; and, although this is a subject that merits the severest animadversion, deponent only notices the circumstance to prove, that it was too early a stage of the business to commence detached settlements, before the maroons could support themselves: For this measure, became absolutely necessary by Mr. Ochterlony's conduct, and eventually good has resulted from it; yet, it occasioned an increased expence in the purchase of lands, building of houses, extra expence transporting supplies, with an additional superintendant; and similar expences must have attended every detachment so settled, had it been put in practice:

Deponent cannot conclude without observing, that if sir John Wentworth's unbounded and active zeal, on all occasions, to serve his king and country, prompted him to stretch out his arm on the shores of his government, to relieve the island of Jamaica in the hour of her difficulties, and in doing so committed an error in estimating the justice, honour, and liberality, of others, by the dictates of his own mind, and thereby neglecting or waving the precaution of making specific conditions with Mr. Quarrell, as the representative of the island of Jamaica, for the expences, and all consequences that might ensue, before he permitted the maroons to be landed in the government over which he presided, deponent ought not to suppose, when intentions and conduct so truly disinterested and friendly as these, are made known to the legislature of Jamaica, that it will or can hesitate to exonerate sir John Wentworth, and mark with its displeasure and resentment, the authors of those insidious misrepresentations, to injure the public character of a faithful and meritorious servant of the crown, who, to the knowledge of this deponent, has, for years, sacrificed that personal ease and tranquillity, which an easy and happy administration of his government entitled him to, in the unceasing exertion of his best endeavours to civilize and render comfortable upwards of five hundred of the human race, native inhabitants of the island of Jamaica, that threatened the ruin of that valuable appendage of the empire, for reasons so questionable and speculative as to excite no inconsiderable degree of interest, *even in the island*, in their behalf; not only without emolument or prospect of benefit to himself whatever, but attended with considerable private expence; the fullest evidence of which, the deponent has well founded reasons to be satisfied, will fully be made appear in due time:

Deponent solemnly declares, that he has been induced to promulgate this voluntary statement of facts, in consequence of the accidental knowledge and perusal of certain printed papers, sent from Jamaica to Nova Scotia, said to be journals or proceedings of the assembly of Jamaica; and is actuated thereto, by principles of public justice and truth only.

MICHAEL WALLACE.

*Sworn to before me, at Halifax, in the province of Nova-Scotia, this 24th day of June, 1799.*

E. S. BLOWERS, *chief justice of Nova-Scotia.*

### No. 3.

Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.—HALIFAX, *J.*

Thomas Barclay, of Annapolis, in the county of Annapolis, esquire, being duly sworn, deposeth, that some time in the summer of the year 1796, being informed of the arrival of a number of maroon negroes from the island of Jamaica, he immediately communicated, by letter, his sentiments to his excellency sir John Wentworth, advising him not to permit them to be landed within the province, and expressing his apprehensions of their proving not only an expence, but even an injury, if suffered to reside

reside in Nova-Scotia: That this deponent soon after received an answer from sir John Wentworth, expressive of his zeal for his majesty's service, and his readiness to accommodate the inhabitants of the island of Jamaica, by every friendly aid within his power; detailing the inconvenience they had been put to, by the insurrection of the maroons, and the consequences which would inevitably follow their being sent back to Jamaica: The reasons assigned by sir John Wentworth, convinced the deponent of the necessity and propriety of permitting the maroons to remain in Nova-Scotia: That, notwithstanding his excellency sir John Wentworth had given this deponent satisfactory reasons for suffering the maroons to be landed at Halifax, the members of the legislature of Nova-Scotia, met in sessions at Halifax, in the month of June following, having seen the maroons, and received various information of their cabals, and resolution not to labour for a sustenance, and of the unpromising and unaccountable conduct and management of the persons under whose charge they were sent from Jamaica, conceived it necessary to obtain formal information, respecting the intentions of government with regard to the maroons; and, on motion, it was resolved, "that an address should be presented to his excellency the governor, praying to be informed on what terms and conditions the maroons were sent to this province, from the island of Jamaica, and what provision had been made by that island, for their future maintenance and support:" That, although the answer received from his excellency sir John Wentworth, confirmed to the house of assembly what this deponent, as speaker of the house, had before stated to them, many of the members conceived it their duty to go to Preston, where the maroons were then settled, to view the lands and accommodations that had been provided for them, in order to ascertain, from personal observation, whether the lands were adapted to the possessors, and capable of cultivation: That this deponent, with several other of the members, did go over to Preston, and viewed the lands and houses occupied by the maroons; and that the said members, as well as this deponent, were perfectly satisfied that the houses erected were very comfortable and convenient, and the allotment of land judiciously chosen, not only with respect to situation, but the quality of the soil, which, in the opinion of this deponent, is equal to any upland in the province: That the vicinity of these lands to Halifax, would naturally afford a ready market for whatever the maroons might have to vend; and that, with common industry and prudence, the maroons, at the present day, might have been comfortably established on their respective allotments of land, enjoying every necessary of life, and many of the superfluities: This deponent is convinced, that it was absolutely necessary to place the maroons near the capital, in order to awe them with military force, in cases of misbehaviour; and, that an attempt to send them into the interior parts of the province, would not only have been obnoxious to the community, but a measure fraught with serious consequences: This deponent further deposes, that his excellency sir John Wentworth has been unwearied in his exertions to render the maroons comfortable and happy, and verily believes he would have succeeded, had not some evil disposed persons, as this deponent has been credibly informed, artfully excited suspicions and dissatisfactions in the minds of the maroons, by telling them that the climate of Nova-Scotia was too cold for the natives of Jamaica, and its soil too sterile to produce a sufficiency for their support: This deponent is fully convinced, that instead of sir John Wentworth having derived any benefit or emolument from the maroons, he has been put to considerable expence, and infinite inconvenience and perplexity: That the merchants of Halifax informed this deponent of the bills of exchange, which were drawn by the agent for the maroons, having returned under protest, and of others having been given, endorsed by sir John Wentworth, again returning under protest, and sir John Wentworth had eventually drawn bills to satisfy these protested bills, or a part of them, on the lords commissioners of his majesty's treasury, in his own name, as governor of Nova-Scotia, which bills had been duly honoured: That, upon the agents from the island of Jamaica leaving this province, this deponent recommended captain Alexander Howe as a proper person, in the opinion of this deponent, to have the charge and care of the maroons, from his having resided at Jamaica, being in some measure acquainted with their manners and characters, and having pleasing manners, and a happy talent of attaching inferiors to him: That his excellency sir John Wentworth has paid particular attention to the education of the children, and endeavoured to have principles of religion and morality inculcated into the minds of the old as well as young: And

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this deponent further depofes, that he verily believes, and is perfectly fatisfied, that the good of his majesty's fervice, the intereft and happinefs of the ifland, and the comfort and future provision of the maroons, have been the motives which induced his excellency fir John Wentworth to undertake a task, laborious to himfelf, and very unpleasant to the inhabitants of this province; and that his excellency has, to the uttermoft of his power, endeavoured to leffen the expenditures, which he has repeatedly told this deponent were much greater than he could wifh, or would have permitted, had the maroons been originally placed wholly under his management and controul. And further this deponent faith nought.

THOMAS BARCLAY.

*Sworn before me, this 24th May, 1799.*

J. BRENTON.

No. 4.

EDWARD B. FITZGERALD, of Halifax, in the province of Nova-Scotia, being duly fworn, upon oath declares and fays,

That he lived in the family of Mrs. Moody, where Mr. Ochterlony, the deputy commiffary to the maroons from the ifland of Jamaica, boarded: That he frequently copied papers for Mr. Ochterlony, refpecting the maroons; and he recollects that, fome time in the year 1797, he thinks, but is not certain, in the month of Auguft, he copied a petition to his grace the duke of Portland, as coming from the maroons, praying for their removal; which was altogether written or dictated by the faid Mr. Ochterlony: That the faid Mr. Ochterlony afterwards requested the deponent to witnefs the faid petition, which he at firft declined, not knowing either the fituation or wifhes of the maroons; but, from the repeated intreaties of the faid Ochterlony, faying, "there was no impropriety in doing it, and that no blame fhould attach to him," he wrote his name as a witnefs, although there were not any maroons prefent; neither does he know they ever made their marks to the faid memorial: And the deponent further faith, that at the time he was only between 17 and 18 years of age, and that he has frequently fince mentioned the tranfaction to feveral of his friends, and expreffed a concern that he had yielded to the follicitations of Mr. Ochterlony; whose public fituation fhould have forbid his taking the advantage of the credulity and inexperience of the deponent.

E. B. FITZGERALD.

*Sworn at Halifax aforefaid, the fifth day of June, 1799, before me,*

J. BRENTON.

No. 5.

DEAR MR. QUARRELI,

*Prefton, 10th June, 1799.*

In reply to your favour of 28th Auguft laft, I wrote you 24th January, which I hope you received: We then expected that our difficulties about the maroons working, were in a great meafure overcome, as feveral of them had begun clearing their ground; others, whose land was already cleared, faid they would plant in the fpring; and moft of them, not employed here, were at work as labourers in Halifax, and the neighbourhood.

In the mean time, a petition had been carried home for them, by fome of their pretended friends, who adopted the early fyftem of removing them; and, as early as March, they got intelligence that their petition had been prefented, and that there was a profpect of their being fpeedily removed: The talk about their removal was now revived amongst them, and, by the firft of April, they univerfally declared againft ever making any improvements in Nova-Scotia: Thus the fyftem they had been led to adopt by the management of their good friends, and as they would be thought, the good friends of the ifland of Jamaica, they are re-eftablifhed in by the fame management: And to lead them to the more determined obftinacy, the journals of the houfe of afsembly, with its appendix, has been fhewn them, and horrible practices of the governor, and others under him, to ruin the poor maroons, are pretended to have come to light; that it is now impoffible to calculate what will be the end of the mifchiefs.

I have been favoured with the reading of thofe papers; fome of the letters written you, which are

there published, contain things about myself, what I had said, &c. which had I suspected this use of them, would have been wholly suppressed; not because there is the least incorrectness in point of fact, but because becoming the publisher of what one does and says themselves, unless necessity call for it, and quoting scraps of latin, is too puerile for a man of sixty; but the dearer one purchases his wisdom, the more likely he is to retain it.

In your report, and on your examination, you speak as though all our information of the management at Preston, whereby the maroons were early led to imbibe such deep rooted and ruinous prejudices, was from doctor Oxley and me; and that you then suspected it to be, not without a portion of ill will. I was not a little surprised, I confess, at a representation like this: The first communication, dear sir, I ever had with you on the subject of Mr. Ochterlony's misleading the maroons, was just when you were setting off for New-York, in February, 1797: It was in consequence of his having complained to you, that I talked abroad, and particularly at government-house, what he said at Maroon-Hall; that is to say, his daily talk before the maroons, the tradesmen, and all companies, against this country; against the maroons ever attempting to do any thing in it, and about getting them removed from it: You were yourself well convinced of his having talked in this way, and on this occasion it was that, as you say in your report, "you did not hide your resentment, but pointed out, in the warmest terms, your respective duties, and the iniquity no less than injury to the island of Jamaica, in departing from them?" However, then, you might have suspected the representations to be made "not without some portion of ill will," you did not suspect their being made without a sufficient portion of veracity: You had never any partiality for others, in preference to Mr. Ochterlony, nor was he deficient in point of assurance to vindicate himself: You would not have so warmly expressed your resentment at him, upon any doubtful evidence, nor would he have submitted to reproof without remonstrances, that would have produced a thorough investigation: But you did not stop here, you say, "I openly communicated his conduct to the governor," and "the reprobation of measures tending to make the minds of the maroons dissatisfied, Mr. Ochterlony appeared to have felt so sorely, that I apprehended nothing but caution in his future conduct:" This was not acting then, nor is it speaking now, as though you entertained any doubts of his having misled the maroons; nor would Mr. Ochterlony have felt "so sorely," the reprobation of those iniquitous measures, if he had not been pursuing them: These measures I mentioned to you, and to sir John Wentworth, and I was induced to do so, not by ill will to Mr. Ochterlony, but from the iniquity, no less than the injury, done to the island of Jamaica by them; I considered it as the duty of a faithful servant of the island, to give this information, and I ever thought, till now, that you considered it in the same light: The information I gave sir John Wentworth, at the time referred to, did not relate so much to the opprobrious terms in which Mr. Ochterlony continually spoke of him, in all companies, though that was base in itself, and injurious to the concern, but his continual talk before the maroons about removing them, and against their doing any thing for themselves here, which I considered as betraying the trust reposed in him, and defeating the purpose of his mission.

You acknowledge, in your report to lord Balcarres, that "acts of violence were committed by some against others, for planting potatoes; others (you say) had complained to you, of the discouragement to work shewn them by Mr. Ochterlony." This information, it is well known, you received from the maroons themselves. Captains Palmer and Fowler, with other maroons, met you at government-house, while I was there, and stated to sir John Wentworth, that most of the maroons were in a high quarrel with them, for declaring that they would work: That Mr. Ochterlony took side against them, and was greatly enraged at them, that they would work; and that they were in fear for their lives, and begged to be removed from the maroons, of whom he had the immediate controul: You were so well convinced, that Mr. Ochterlony was making violent exertions to deter the maroons from doing any thing for themselves, that you expressed yourself fully to that effect, to sir John, while I was present, and joined your advice to their intreaties, that they might be removed.

This insinuation, therefore, tending merely to invalidate the evidence of facts, which you had a thorough knowledge of, I cannot but consider as very injurious, not so much to me as to the truth itself.

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On your examinations before the committee, you say, "Mr. Ochterlony's conduct appeared governed by a certain <sup>im</sup>political promise, made by sir John Wentworth to the maroons, and hereto annexed," and refer to the papers given by sir John to the maroons.

The <sup>im</sup>political promise, as you term it, was not made till the 28th May, 1797; and it appears by your own report, that you was acquainted with Mr. Ochterlony's measures, "tending to make the minds of the maroons dissatisfied;" as early as the 26th of February before: It was then that you pointed out to him, "the iniquity, no less than injury, to the island of Jamaica," in swerving thus from his duty: It was on account of this, that you say yourself, "you had well nigh laid aside your design of going to New-York: But Mr. Ochterlony appeared to have felt so sorely your reproof, that you apprehended nothing but caution in his future conduct;" and set forward on your journey, 23d of May. Mr. Ochterlony's misconduct in February, could not be governed by a promise which had not an existence till the latter end of the succeeding May: Mr. Ochterlony had been for months promoting the discontents of the maroons, and encouraging their hopes of a removal, till they had become so obstinate, that long before the signing that paper, they had entirely left off working, even for hire: The paper appears on the face of it, and you know it was in fact, occasioned by those discontents, and given with an intent to quiet the minds of the maroons thus misled, and persuade them to go to work; and this proving ineffectual, you, a few days after, as you say, "determined to force through all opposition, and placed the negroes entirely under Mr. Chamberlain, who, early in June, had one hundred and fifty at work:" You knew Mr. Ochterlony had long been opposing himself to the maroons working, and that sir John's promise was intended to counteract this opposition; which proving ineffectual, you had finally to break through, in the manner you speak of: You cannot, dear sir, charge Mr. Ochterlony's mismanagement of the maroons, to that step of sir John Wentworth, without doing as great violence to the truth, as injury to the governor.

Besides, in representing sir John Wentworth, as at the bottom of Mr. Ochterlony's misconduct, you appear to charge sir John with being the origin of the difficulties which have prevented success in settling the maroons: If you have taken this ground, you have completely shifted your position since you left New-York; in writing me from thence, on the 12th August last, you acknowledge that, in my "letter to sir John Wentworth, I have justly attributed the early impediments in the maroon affairs to the real cause, and the subsequent effects of the prejudices imbibed by those people have (you say), no doubt, continued in some measure to influence their conduct:" I thank you for this honourable testimony to the justice of my attributing those impediments, to practices of Mr. Ochterlony and his friends: An intention of acquitting Mr. Ochterlony of this charge, and throwing the blame of miscarriage upon sir John Wentworth, was manifest in some of the letters that had been returned to sir John, prior to my writing him that letter: To enable him, as far as lay in my power, to repel this vile iniquitous design, I wrote him what I knew of the various practices of Mr. Ochterlony, and his friends, whereby the maroons had been led to imbibe such deep rooted and ruinous prejudices: A copy of my letter to him I forwarded to you, as the most capable judge, whether I had ascribed our difficulties and delays in settling the maroons, to the real origin of them or not; and requested of you to inform me, how far what I had written met with your approbation: And, though you complain of my confining myself to part of the evils, which I will, in the course of this letter, pay full attention to, you allow that our early impediments I have justly imputed to their real cause, and that the prejudices imbibed by the maroons, no doubt, in some measure, tended to influence their conduct.

By adverting to my letter to sir John Wentworth, which now lies open for every one's inspection, it will be seen, that I had attributed to the prejudices of the maroons, our want of success in settling them; and that these prejudices I had attributed to the vile practices of Mr. Ochterlony, and his friends: Near the close of the letter I had said, "the maroons have now been near two years in this country, maintained at public expence, and doing very little, and, in addition to their natural indolence, they have contracted habits of idleness and dissipation, that set the prospect of their procuring a subsistence at a greater distance than when they first arrived here: But whose fault is this? Where is the origin of the evil? It is certainly not to be imputed to your excellency (sir John Wentworth) who  
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always urged their being set to work ; and, in concurrence with Mr. Quarrell, dismissed Mr. Ochterlony, for not complying with, but counteracting both you and him herein, and who has ever since been using endeavours to overcome their obstinacy, and oblige them to work : No, the mischief originated in the unfaithfulness, the unaccountable folly and wickedness, of Mr. Ochterlony himself : He had the address to make them (the maroons) believe he had influence sufficient to get them removed ; he leavened their minds against your excellency, and against this country, and led them into a resolution against working in it.

When I had, dear sir, so fully and pointedly attributed our early impediments, not to sir John Wentworth, but to the practices of Mr. Ochterlony, and you had so decidedly acknowledged that I had attributed them to the real cause, I was not a little surprised to see you, on your examination, endeavouring to exculpate Mr. Ochterlony, and to point out sir John Wentworth as the original cause of the whole mischief : It was to be expected that Mr. Ochterlony himself would plead not guilty, to any charges exhibited against him : Doctor Oxley too, appears, by his letter of 22d September last, published in your journals, to have been informed of your intentions, in which he says, “ I perfectly agree with you, *Ochterlony's demerits should be no longer dwelt upon* ;” and of this intention I was well aware : But that you would actually attempt to clear him of demerits, which you could not but allow him (in every sentence) to have ; that you would, in this attempt, impute your informations of his faults, only to Oxley and me, which you manifestly had abundant testimony of from the maroons themselves ; that you would represent those faults as occasioned by a fault of sir John's, which was not made till you had been many months apprized of his faults ; and that you would so far pursue this pious undertaking, as to attribute to that promise of sir John Wentworth, what you had expressly said were justly attributed to Mr. Ochterlony's evil practices ; that you would go all this length, was more than I could possibly have formed any apprehension of.

In your report you say, that sir John Wentworth, “ shewing me the instructions which he had from the duke of Portland, pointed out to me as the most eligible purchases, fundry small settlements, with houses, at Preston, about five miles from Halifax, together with the house and land of a Mr. Green, and his reasons convinced me I had no alternative.” As to the purchase of Mr. Green's two houses and land, I am wholly ignorant of the transaction, except that the purchase was made, and for 1000 guineas ; with the manner in which all the other purchases were made, I am particularly acquainted, and know well at whose pointing out they were made : In consequence of sir John Wentworth's having directed me to assist you and Mr. Ochterlony, in purchasing houses for the reception of the maroons, whom it was thought necessary to remove as soon as possible from the Blue Bell, I had gone to Preston, and on my return told him and Mr. Ochterlony, that Mrs. Train's house, Mr. Gray's, William Rogers, Mr. Mullock's, Mr. Wallace's, Mr. Sterns's, and E. Allen's ; say seven houses, and about 1000 acres of land, might be purchased for about 700*l*. and not a single proprietor be removed ; sir John gave his approbation for the purchase of them, at the several prices I had mentioned, provided that, on inspection, the purchase should be agreeable to the gentlemen commissioners from the island of Jamaica : I immediately accompanied Mr. Ochterlony to Preston, and, on viewing every house, its situation, and the lands about them, he approved of their being purchased, but afterwards refused the purchase of Allen's, as it stood quite alone, and none of the maroons chose to live in it, and of John Anderson's, which I had thought an advantageous one, because I had been too forward in ordering a deed to be made out, he said, without his expressly directing me to.

Here ended all the governor's pointing out purchases, or any how interfering in the business ; except that he ordered me, in general, to give you all the information I could on the subject, and to assist in purchasing as reasonable as possible, but advised against purchasing out the industrious white settlers, as they would be an example to the maroons, of the kind of husbandry necessary to be practised here, and might serve to prevent disorder amongst them ; this, however was paid no regard to. Mr. Ochterlony himself observed, that the purchases hitherto made, could not but be wholly saved to the concern, in the articles of fuel and house-rent, in the course of one winter : He, however, within a few days, resumed the business of purchasing, in which I continued to assist him, but acted wholly by his direction,

direction, both as to the purchases to be made, and the terms of them; I had conceived that the most eligible method of settling the maroons, would be to purchase Mr. Cochran's land to the west, and extend our purchases to the east, on the main road, so as to include the lands on the big Salmon-River, of which sir John highly approved: These lands are all of the same quality as Mr. Cochran's, and no where further from the tide waters, either of Halifax, of Cole-Harbour, or of Lawrence-Town, than the eastern part of that is: There are a number of small houses upon the lands, which would have been purchased, and in those situations log-houses might be built, and purchased, for much less than was afterwards given for others: The maroons would have been extended on the road more than ten miles, and would have been interspersed among the white inhabitants: I mentioned this to Mr. Ochterlony, and once prevailed upon him to go with me about three miles upon the road, where he stopped, and said there was no use in going any further, as the maroons would not like to live out of hearing of their horn; and, ever after he declined purchasing any thing further than a mile to the eastward of the church: He proceeded, however, to purchase out the industrious settlers; he bought T. Smith's, Mr. Brown's, B. Smith's, William Carter's, J. Larnard's, T. Bradley's, J. Todd's, William Gaul's, J. Ryan's, T. McMin's, two small houses of Mr. Millar, Mr. Brenner's, J. Farquharson's, and Mrs. Beamish's houses and lands, most of whom were living on their own property; say fourteen houses, and near 2000 acres of land; for which was given more than three times what all the purchases recommended by sir John Wentworth had cost, Mr. Green's only excepted: Besides, he built a new house near that purchased of Larnard, and made considerable additions to the houses purchased of Carter, Millar, and Gaul; that all the maroons were placed in houses, four of which only excepted, were within a mile of the centre: This settling the maroons so much in a body, and almost entirely by themselves, was never the plan of sir John Wentworth, nor consonant to his ideas, but was entirely the work of Mr. Ochterlony: But sir John might well think it safest for the province, to settle most of the maroons near the garrison, and most advantageous for themselves to be so near the market, that they could go to it and return home in a day: But that he had no objection to a greater distance, appears by what you observe in the case of the Boydville detachment.

Reverting to that part of the evil which you complained of, my not having mentioned in the letter to sir John Wentworth, the system of inactivity pursued after you resigned your charge: Though I did not think, as I have before observed, that letter a proper place to insist upon this subject, I shall not decline to say the substance of what I know about it: It is no less true, than it is to be regretted, that every one in the concern did not exert themselves as they should have done, to eradicate the deep-rooted prejudices imbibed by the maroons: Captain Howe's talents, the very respectable recommendations he had to the appointment, and you appearing at first well satisfied with the governor's choice, led us to entertain great expectations from his exertions: Upon what principles he acted, and under whose influence, as he never openly declared, can only be matter of opinion in any one: You well know that he had the most positive orders from the governor, to use the best endeavours to eradicate their pernicious prejudices, and, in fact, to insist on their working, or not to feed them: That he was early negligent, as to pointing out work for them to do; that he resented remonstrances made against his measures, and finally declared himself against coercive measures with the maroons, and that they grew worse by indulgence, is all very true.

But you well know likewise, that the maroons were never the disciples of captain Howe, they liked his negligence, as it indulged their own; but they did not derive their's from him; the whole time he was there, they were actuated by principles over which he had no controul; he would have had them keep their children to school, but they withdrew them almost universally, while he was there; he wished them to occupy the houses he had built, but they made a law among them, that no man should do it; he tried to persuade them to go to church, he offered them rewards for going, but their officers forbade them; and, just before he was removed, they actually punished three young men, by whipping and fines, for breaking this law: Their views were not merely self-indulgence, but a remove from this country; and they founded their hopes of it, not entirely upon their refusing to work, but upon obstinately setting themselves against every thing they were wished to do, till government should be

wearied into a compliance with their request: Their obstinacy has ever been manifestly influenced by this hope, and has increased and diminished with it, as regularly as the tides follow the motions of the moon: There had been a number of letters and petitions sent home in the winter and spring of 1798, they heard of their being presented, early in the summer, and they became far more obstinate than ever: They refused to do a day's work for any one, even for hire; and had it among their private laws, divulged on occasion of their whipping some for disobedience, that no one should work upon pain of corporal punishment; but, when their letters and petitions were all returned to sir John Wentworth, without any encouragement of a removal, and they were decidedly told by Mr. Wallace, in the presence of other respectable magistrates, that there was no prospect of their being removed, they became more tractable, were in a few days all got to work, in one way or other; numbers of them went to church, the school was again attended, and most of them declared a readiness to comply in all things with the governor's wishes: But this prospect was too fair for their Ochterlonian friends, one of whom carried home a petition for them in the autumn, and, by the spring, they got intelligence that it was received, and were made to believe there was a prospect of a removal; And now they instantly relapsed into the utmost of their opposition, wholly deserted the church, and declared they would sooner die than ever make the least improvements in Nova-Scotia: And have, in this fit of obstinacy, continued for eight weeks together, without their allowance, which was withheld on account of their refusing to plant.

It is said too, "that the proportion of the aged and infants (among the maroons) are too great for the families in general to maintain themselves in any part of Nova-Scotia:" There is no uncommon proportion, in general, of the aged and infants, to the able-bodied labouring men and women; on the return for clothing, including the Boydville people, are 165 men; which, allowing 10 old men (as many as there are), leaves 155: 186 women, allowing 14 for superannuated, we leave 172 women and girls arrived to the state of puberty; that there are but 223 old people and children, and 336 men and women, which is a greater proportion of able people, than are to be found in any towns of America, where they live by husbandry, and exceeds your own calculation, of two children to every man and woman, provided one of them could hoe potatoes; for of the 24 old persons we allow, there are very few of them so decrepid that they could not help to till the ground: And, on our clothing return, which I made with all the judgment I could exercise, are 42 boys, including those at school, and 55 girls above 10 years; say 68 of the old people and well grown children; which is but little more than two-thirds of the number I have counted upon, and we have but one helpless person to a man and woman, and 31 women, always supposed to be far gone in pregnancy, or lately delivered: It is true, however, that several maroons, who have two, three, and four wives, leave too large a proportion of infants for them to maintain; but general calculations are to be made upon the whole number of them, and polygamy ought, in obedience to the law, to be suppressed wherever they go.

\* You suppose that maroon families, consisting of two children, one able to hoe potatoes, might subsist, "on that part binding on the Bay of Fundy:" As to the part of Nova-Scotia where the maroons are placed, I should hope sir John Wentworth will obtain the opinion of the most capable judges; the following will, I think, in that case be proved correct: There is no part of Nova-Scotia where fish can, at all seasons of the year, be taken, or where it will turn to half the account, to carry fish to market, as in the vicinity of Halifax; nor is there any part where potatoes, a wholesome, and to the maroons, a particularly grateful food, can be raised in greater quantities, than where the maroons are; and one bushel here for sale, is worth three on any part of the Bay of Fundy: There is no part where labouring people can so constantly find employ for a spare day, or obtain any thing equal the wages, as where they are. Mr. Ochterlony represents, under oath, that the maroons "could get a dollar a day for making of hay, packing of fish, loading of ships, working at wharves, and in fact by a hundred different ways:" Allowing him not to have deviated more than half from the truth, which is indeed more than can often be allowed him, say half a dollar, and he will not be able to get that for a constancy, in any other part of the province: Besides, every dozen of eggs, every peck of peas, every head

of cabbage, and basket of berries, all things not worth carrying to market, where a person must lie a night upon charge, are a ready sale here, and always at a very high price; and the wood upon the maroon lands, of which a quantity would every winter need to be cut away in clearing the ground, and much of it would fetch 7s. *per cord* upon the spot; though wood is of very little consequence in distant parts of the province, it would here be a very considerable resource to a family in the winter: And another circumstance I should not wholly omit, the lands bought for the maroons, are of the best quality of any in the vicinity of Halifax.

Upon the whole, Mr. Quarrell, when I saw you, Mr. Ochterlony, and doctor Oxley, several times about making purchases of land, to improve for yourselves here, though I wished to see improvements, it is to my advantage; but that candour, from which I do not so often depart, as has been represented, induced me to say to you, you will not find it the productive estate which you think of: The very high price of labour, and what you must give for supplies for your labourers, will render the making improvements by hire, comparatively unprofitable, and all who attempt it, further than for their amusement, and the supply of their tables, find it so: But the very circumstance that renders it unprofitable to do it by hiring labourers, renders it the more profitable to them who do it with their own labour: Gentlemen who had no great resources, and have attempted to improve their land here by hire, have hurt themselves by it: But no sober industrious man that I know of, who has obtained a tolerable good piece of land, and once got a house upon it, has failed of finding a subsistence from it.

I shall not trouble you with any remarks upon Mr. Ochterlony's reply, to the queries put to him by the committee: I have heretofore represented his conduct, just as it stands in my mind; he has given his own account of it; that mine is right, as to what I principally intended by it, you have very candidly acknowledged: If you are determined to support him, in the denial of what you thus acknowledge to be justly charged upon him, and in this way endeavour to throw the fault of his misconduct upon sir John Wentworth, and to exonerate the island of expences incurred in settling the maroons, I cannot say I wish you success; but I am free to say, I shall not envy the pleasure you find in the pursuit, nor the profit you may propose to yourself in carrying your point; and, as to the honour, it must be put wholly out of the question: You will perhaps say, it is time I should here call myself to order; do then consider the part you are acting towards sir John Wentworth, and upon what footing the provocation you supposed you had, as intimated in your letter to Mr. Sewell: "That he meant to undermine you in the management of the maroons, and get the fingering of the cash," turns out, as I knew it would, when you at Dartmouth read me that paragraph of the letter, to be nothing more than an ungenerous suspicion; his correspondence is now pretty thoroughly peeped into, and not a word appears of his ever having had any such meaning; here are all his letters upon the subject of the maroons laid open before you, and not the most distant hint given either to the duke of Portland, or lord Balcarras, of any such wish he ever had; but an open declaration that he had no pecuniary views in the business, and that he wished for no reward but the satisfaction of his having served the island of Jamaica, by admitting the maroons, whom they knew not where to bestow, into his province, and discharging his duty to the king; and now, that he has three years had the management of the maroons, and for the two last years under his immediate charge, having, as he has frequently declared, had more difficulty, plague, and vexation, with them, than with all the affairs of his government beside, I am confident he can yet wash his hands of all the corrupting power of your Jamaica riches, and appeal to the prying eyes of his causeless enemies to discern, and their very illiberal tongues to declare, wherein he has ever made a farthing by the maroons; and though Mr. Ochterlony, finding by experience, as Mr. Paine did, "that the ways of iniquity beget a calamitous necessity of going forward," would be led on to excuse his abuse of sir John Wentworth here, with a fallacious pretence of his having discovered a plundering project on foot, I certainly should have expected, that the pride and pleasure of my honourable friend would have been, to expose so foul an imposition, contrived to give him credit only with men whose purses he pretended to be so carefully guarding: On your examination, in your reply to the inquiry, What changes were made on your resigning your charge? You say, "the establishment was considerably enlarged:" As the pay list was not under my inspection, I cannot state fully  
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what it was before, or immediately after, that event: But, from what has come to my knowledge, the whole amount of salaries was greatly diminished, instead of having been increased: I do not here suppose your receipts to be wholly out of the question, for though you had no salary fixed by your constituents, it is known to others as well as myself, how confidently it was expected, that your dependence on their generosity was to cost them more than two thousand pounds; and it is said you have not been at all disappointed: It is true the assembly in this were rewarding one of their own islanders; but every one cannot be supposed to think with them, that this circumstance, relative to services done the island, renders them more meritorious than the services done them by one who had no interest in it: Sir John Wentworth, under no obligation to the island, undertakes to discharge the duties, before incumbent on their delegate; he does it, indeed, without the expectation of realizing a shilling by it, and at the risk of what, though I believe he did not expect, he has abundantly realized, being paid with indecent abuses; his generously sacrificing his own ease and tranquillity, in thus disinterestedly serving the island, is a perfect contrast to the illiberality of reflecting, on what probably gave occasion to the remark, about enlarging the establishment, in order that the maroons might be taught the husbandry necessary for them in this country, and led into habits of industry: He appointed a director of their agriculture at Preston, and another at Boydville; both of whose salaries did not amount to two hundred pounds *per annum*: Captain Howe took the place of Mr. Ochterlony, as immediate superintendant of the maroons, and, when their several accounts, with every expence incurred for each duly charged in them, come to be compared, it will then be known which has been the most expensive: Several other branches of the establishment continued as they were, out of respect to your appointment, if not at your recommendation. Doctor Oxley you recommended, and he was continued at 400*l. per annum*, whose place is long since filled at 100*l.*; Mr. Moody at 150*l.* whom you have since made, upon the whole, equal to the doctor, at 400*l.*; and the overseers, Farquharson and Elair, continued as they were: Darby Rogers, and two other boatmen, at 54*l. per ann.* each, were soon discharged, or retained on the footing of common labourers by the month, whom I do not understand you to reckon as on the establishment; as to the calculation with me, of 70 men in the employ, when we were cutting cord-wood, with a view likewise of clearing on your last purchase a few acres of land for planting, related only to a few days; and it would be scarcely more uncandid to represent, that you had at one time 150 men in the employ; they were maroons indeed, and working to good purpose, but for wages, and in the pay of the island. It is not, dear sir, sufficient, that we avoid direct falsehoods in the matter; an unfair representation of what is literally true, is often more injurious than what is asserted under no colour of the truth: In reading my letter, you may perhaps be struck, as I have been myself, with the want of decorum in the manner with which I have so frequently and familiarly introduced sir John Wentworth; but it has not originated in a want of regard to his high rank and great respectability; the honour, integrity, and disinterested benevolence, manifest in every part of his conduct, to which I had occasion to advert, are the best support to the real dignity of his character: You must have seen, that I was always conversant with him about the maroon concern, informed of the steps he was taking, and knew all his motions; his plan for settling the maroons, by extending them ten miles through a district where timber was so plenty, that log-houses might have been built to the saving of much expence; his earnest wish to have got the maroons to work as early as possible, in the spring of 1797; his unremitting endeavours to counteract the system of indolence, continued by the agent residing among them, and to root out the prejudices imbibed from him; his resolution to remove, at the risk of whatever reflections it should subject him to, every obstacle that should throw itself in his way in the business; and, in a word, every step he has taken, has been devised to produce no benefit to himself, but the satisfaction of doing right, entirely for the interest and honour of the island of Jamaica: You are too well acquainted with the truth of this, to think the worse of me for asserting it: That this truth will at last predominate over envy, self-interest, private attachment, and every sinister motive, I have little doubt: "The steps of evil are hard to retread, but returned from the shades below" —

With the sincerest wish for your health and prosperity, I have the honour to subscribe myself, your real friend, and very humble servant,

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(Signed)

T. CHAMBERLAIN.

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## No. 6.

SIR,

Halifax, May 27. 1799.

Pursuant to the directions of your excellency, I have taken a survey of the maroons, and find them to be generally in a good state of health: There are but few diseased; and you will perceive, by the statement which I annex, the proportion which they have borne to the well, from the period of my appointment to be their surgeon, to this date: I am not able to trace the smallest symptom of distress, or suffering by a scarcity of provisions among them: Those families in which there have been deaths, since the order for discontinuing the allowance to them, have more particularly attracted my observation: Since the beginning of April, when the order was given, there have nine died; one man, two youths, four children, and two at the breast; and I must declare to your excellency, that not one of those deaths have been in consequence of want of food; on the contrary, one third of them have happened in a family where the greatest abundance, not only of necessaries, but of comforts, ever has prevailed; and the resources of the head of it, have notoriously been such, that there can be no ground for such a supposition: The man who died, was consumptive when he landed, and it is almost a miracle, that he has held out so long; of the six children, but two I believe were at the breast, and these having been always weak, fell a sacrifice to teething; but the mothers of all are, at this hour, in the full enjoyment of strength, and upon being interrogated, do not even hint such a thing as, that their own weakness had affected their offspring, although it has been suggested for them: I have been thus particular on this point, to your excellency, because I understand that reports have been made, totally repugnant to truth, and tending to excite a misplaced compassion for the people themselves, and an odium against your excellency, as the author of the order for depriving them of their rations.

Among their numerous bad qualities, they certainly possess one which is highly commendable, affection for their children, whom it is probable that they would continue to feed, till driven to extremity themselves: The presumption is, therefore, that while they exhibit in their own persons, the fullness and sleekness of plenty, and while abundant health and spirits are visible in their surviving children, those who have departed, have not *been starved* to death: But, sir, the distress and want which have been talked of have been, like many other of their evils, merely *imaginary*: The surplus of their winter's allowance (for there was not a family, in which there was not to be found a considerable quantity of fish), which had been carefully stored up; the money which it was well known they had collected and saved for these two years past; their stock of poultry which is at this day nearly entire, and which would certainly not have been, had they been pressed by famine; the allowance to the sick; their working abroad; and the ease with which they can get fish.

These resources, sir, when collectively considered, are much more than adequate to the maintenance of these maroons, for the time that they have been left to themselves: Whatever, therefore, sir, may be objected, it can never be with any truth, a want of humanity: For the same forbearance and humanity, which has been ever exercised towards them, have not been totally withheld, even in the most rigorous measure which necessity compelled the adoption of, to rouse them from their indolence and pernicious determination: The allowance to the aged, sick, the widow, the orphan, and the school, which never has been interrupted, has, notwithstanding their heavy complaints, gone a great way to feed the lazy, the intemperate, and the turbulent. As to quality and goodness of the soil, allotted to the maroons, of which your excellency is pleased to desire my opinion, I do declare, that I think they have no reason to complain; and that it, with the advantages which attended their settlement, was competent to their support: The land, through a want of dressing and cleaning for these two seasons past, does not appear so promising as it undoubtedly would, had the labours of the maroons been bestowed upon it, but is good, and there is sufficient cleared already, and producing food for cattle, to supply their immediate wants.

There are, as nearly as I can calculate from its appearance, three hundred acres which have been tilled and laid down by their former possessors, with proportionable and contiguous tracts of wood-land: I have been now twenty-one years in the province; fifteen of which I have passed in the habit of improving land, and think that many tracts which have been thought good, are inferior to it, generally speaking; for there are, no doubt, spots which are impoverished, as there are no doubt, parts of it

inferior to none in Nova-Scotia; and there are some advantages attending it, which are peculiar to itself only: Such are its nearness to the only market in the province, and the advantage at which its cultivators buy their supplies, as well as sell their produce; the multitude of excellent fish in the neighbourhood; the prompt call and prompt payment for the labour of those who wish to work; and other things which conspire to make it the most eligible situation for these people: It has been said, that these lands are not proper for these people; if they are proper for any people, sir, they are for them: They are strong and capable of exertion; I have seen them display their dexterity when working for others; and why should it not answer, if applied to the improvement of their own ground. Men (the loyalists, many of whom were as little acquainted with the husbandry of this province, or indeed with any husbandry) sat down upon very inferior property, and made estates; they would have rejoiced at the offer of this property, as it now stands.

At all events, it appears to me incontrovertible, that, with the immediate support which these grounds, when purchased, offered to stock, with the improvement which the application of one hundred able-bodied and expert men, would have added, and the support attending them from the island of Jamaica, and since from government, each maroon family might now have supported itself.

I am, sir, respectfully, your most obliged and obedient humble servant,

JOHN FRASER, *surgeon to the maroons.*

*His excellency sir John Wentworth, baronet, &c.*

No. 7.

JAMES MOODY, of Annapolis county, in the province of Nova-Scotia, esquire, and one of the members of the house of assembly of the said province, being duly sworn, upon his oath declares,

That some short time after the maroons arrived in this province, he, this deponent, was introduced to the acquaintance of, and became intimate with, William D. Quarrell, esquire (the principal agent for Jamaica, in the business of transporting the maroons); who, at different times, and frequently, consulted and advised with this deponent, respecting the practicability and most advisable means of settling the maroons in this country, in such an establishment and way, as to enable them to support themselves by their own labour: And that, upon the information which he, this deponent, from time to time, gave to the said Mr. Quarrell, and on various occasions contrasting the difference between the natural advantages to be found in Nova-Scotia, and other parts of North-America, a great part of which was well known to the deponent, and shewing the reasons for the preference, which had determined this deponent in the choice of his own place of residence, the said Mr. Quarrell appeared to be, and frequently expressed himself perfectly well satisfied with this country; not only as a place suited to the maroons, but eligible to himself; and did earnestly press this deponent to make a purchase of land for him, and to admit him into a share of some iron works, intended to be undertaken by the deponent, and other adventurers.

This deponent, on his oath aforesaid, further declares, that the said Mr. Quarrell informed him, that William Cottnam Tonge, esquire, had made some proposals for having the maroons taken to different parts of the province, interior, and distant from Halifax: And that said Mr. Quarrell did thereupon, very freely, and at different times, express to this deponent, in the strongest terms, his entire disapprobation of the measures proposed by said Mr. Tonge; saying, that he clearly perceived, Mr. Tonge, instead of having any consideration for the maroons, or their being properly settled, was scheming for his own benefit, in expectation of getting a job out of the business; and, that Mr. Tonge was deceiving himself, by supposing that he (Mr. Quarrell) was to be misled into such wild schemes; and was much mistaken in his opinion of the maroons, if he thought they could be so easily persuaded to separate from each other, in the ways he proposed; that the attempt would occasion very fatal consequences, from the high and desperate temper of those people, who would not hesitate a moment, to kill the inhabitants, on the slightest imaginary provocation; whatever might be their own fate, in consequence of such outrage and violences: That Mr. Quarrell, in speaking of Mr. Tonge's proposals at different times, not only uniformly condemned them as impracticable, and dangerous in the attempt, on account of the spirit and temper of the maroons, but as impolitic, and directly contrary to what were

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in (Mr. Quarrell's) instructions, respecting their settlement: And that he (Mr. Quarrell), on those occasions, repeatedly ridiculed the folly of Mr. Tonge's attempts to impose on his (Mr. Quarrell's) judgment; saying, he had seen too much of the world, to be taken in by Mr. Tonge, who he was convinced could have no friendship for the maroons: That Mr. Quarrell repeatedly expressed to this deponent, his entire satisfaction in the location of the maroons at Preston, in preference to any other part of the province; observing, that they were a people well acquainted with the use of the axe and the hoe, which being the only implements of husbandry they were acquainted with, the nearer they were to the Halifax market, the better it must be for them, as they could dispose of the wood they might cut off their land to great advantage; and, on their new cleared land, they could raise large quantities of vegetables and poultry, which they could always sell to advantage at Halifax, and purchase flour for their families use; and that he had a large assortment of garden seeds coming out for them, which he was convinced it would be most for their benefit to cultivate at present, as they were unacquainted with the cultivation of corn: That the young men would soon become acquainted with the mode of taking and curing fish, not only for their own and families consumption, but for market; and that he had some thoughts of getting a vessel, suitable for the West-India trade, for the purpose of taking their fish and lumber, and returning with salt and such West-India produce as they might be in need of.

This deponent, upon his oath aforesaid, further declares, that he has very frequently heard Mr. Ochterlony (Deputy or assistant to the aforesaid Mr. Quarrell), with great heat of temper and vehemence, declare, that he had prevented, and that he would prevent and dissuade the maroons from working on their plantations: That the legislature of Jamaica, and government, and sir John Wentworth, were all highly to blame, and unjust, in placing the maroons in a country and climate so different from that which they had been removed from: That the maroons, in common justice, ought to be supported at the expence of the island of Jamaica, without being required to strike a stroke of work for themselves: That, if the maroons were kept in Nova-Scotia for ten years or more, he (the said Mr. Ochterlony) would do every thing in his power to prevent their doing any thing for themselves: That it was bad enough for them to exist here, on the best that could be provided for them: That the island of Jamaica, if the maroons were continued in this province, where they had unfairly and forcibly sent them, were bound to maintain them; and might well afford to do so, out of what the island as unfairly got by removing them: This deponent declares, that the aforesaid, and other such like speeches and declarations, were made by said Mr. Ochterlony, with the most violent oaths, and execrations denounced against any of the maroons that should be fools enough to work, while Jamaica had gotten their possessions, which were worth more to that island, than all Nova-Scotia, with the buildings in the town of Halifax, could be to the maroons: And deponent also declares, that the said Mr. Ochterlony's language, and remarks of the same kind, have frequently been so highly improper, that he, this deponent, has occasionally found it necessary, from respect to characters, and the decorum Mr. Ochterlony was inclined to violate, to forbid the continuance of such discourse to him, this deponent, or in his hearing.

This deponent, upon his oath aforesaid, declares, that he heard the said Mr. Ochterlony say, that he (the said Mr. Ochterlony) had furnished captain Hale with such materials as would put every thing in its proper light, respecting the removal and the settlement of the maroons, and make all who were concerned in either ashamed of themselves, especially sir John Wentworth; who would find, if he attempted to force the maroons to work, that they would be desperate, and have spirit enough to slay him in the midst of his garrison.

This deponent further, on his said oath, declares, that he has seen and attentively examined the lands purchased at Preston, for the settlement of the maroons; which lands Mr. Ochterlony frequently spoke of as the worst on earth, and not fit for their support: And this deponent affirms, that the said lands are exceedingly good, and such that had he known of them, previous to his having made improvements in the district of the country where he has settled, he would have given the preference to those lands, and would have gladly purchased them, at the price paid for them by sir John Wentworth: And also, that had those lands belonged to him, this deponent, he would not have sold them at so low

a rate as sir John Wentworth obtained them for: And this deponent solemnly, on his oath aforesaid, declares it to be his deliberate and settled opinion, that had it not been for the aforesaid Mr. Ochterlony's improper conduct, in the management of the maroons, they might at this day, with ordinary industry and diligence, have been in the habit of supporting themselves, by the improvement and cultivation of the lands purchased for them, and the advantage of a near and certain market, and by far more comfortably, and with much greater ease, than they possibly could, if they had been settled in any interior part of the country, or more distant from Halifax.

JAMES MOODY.

Sworn at Halifax, in Nova-Scotia, the 2d July, 1799.

S. S. BLOWERS, *chief justice of Nova-Scotia.*

[N. B. This declaration, enclosed in the letter of August 3d, was accompanied with a duplicate of the deposition of Michael Wallace, differing in no respect from that marked No. 2, in this series of papers, excepting some trifling variations of expression, and in being sworn to before the same person, on the 5th of August, 1799.]

## No. II.

[This document being referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, &c will be found in the appendix to the report from the said committee, Dec. 20, under the reference, No. 1, (25).]

## No. III.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

An ACCOUNT of the number of SLAVES imported into this port, from the coast of AFRICA, from November, 1792, to 26th November, 1799.

1792.

1793, continued.

	No. of slaves.		No. of slaves.
Ship Mary, William Willoughby	169	Ship Duke of Buccleugh, John M <sup>r</sup> Lean	314
— Princefs Royal, John Burnell	459	— Thomas, Thomas Phillips	340
Brig Prince, Richard Taylor	94	— Childwall, Alexander Findley	217
Ship Union, James Thompson	508	— Clemeson, George Greaves	309
— Thomas, William Boys	268	— Venus, Samuel Kitson	215
— Hope, William Ainsworth	105	— Stag, Thomas Smith	199
— Mercury, John Bell	354	— Eliza, Samuel Clough	509
— Orange-Grove, John Lawson	214	— Crescent, John Kennedy	266
	2171	— Roman Emperor, John Laughley	379
		— Jane, John Mill	246
		— Concord, Josiah Smith	240
		— Benjamin, Thomas Molyneux	323
1793.		— Mentor, John Brand	190
Ship Perseverance, William Hewit	304	— Blades, Benjamin Cuite	540
Barque Fanny, Samuel Phillips	230	— Hester, Robert Master	298
Ship Lever, Hamlet Mullion	226	Barque Mary and Ann, Richard Wilkinson	168
— Kitty, Thomas Jones	392	Ship Molly, Richard Jones	127
— Brothers, Joseph Withers	398	Brig Eliza, George Barnard	167
— Minerva, William Williams	236	Ship Fortune, Alexander Nimmo	250
— Mary Ellen, Thomas Johnson	308	— King George, Joseph Cash	273
— Bloom, William Cockerell	234	— Jenny, William Stringer	200
— Eagle, David McElcheron	366	— Surprise, Patrick Campbell	518
— Gregson, William Corran	353		Ship

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1793, continued.

1794, continued.

	No of flaves.		No of flaves.
Ship Rodney, J. C. Hunt	343	Ship King Pepple, John Marshall	430
— Molly, Nehemiah Evans	153	— Mermail, William Lace	401
— Elliott, William Sherwood	473	— Eliza, Gerard Preston	376
— George, Thomas Kirby	268	— Gudgeon, Roger Leathorn	344
— Governor Parry, John Powell	229	— Mary, Samuel Damer	131
— Favourite, Michael Smell	174	— Union, James Thomson	535
— Colonel, Thomas Cubbin	153	— Sandown, Samuel Gamble	250
— Golden Age, Joseph Fayer	483	— Nancy, William Hewitt	328
Brig Prince of Orange, Thomas Gatterell	99	— Hornet, John Carion	393
Ship Vulture, James Backhouse	465	Barque Mary and Ann, Alexander Laing	169
— Royal Charlotte, James Senter	333	Brig Ranger, John Gardiner	181
— Peggy, Henry Kennedy	116	Ship Elizabeth Anderson, Benjamin Merrick	399
— Will, John Ward	120	— Jemmy, Richard Pearson	237
— Nassau, Matthew Morley	289	— Bridget, Joseph Threlfall	502
— Experiment, John Marnam	231	— Countess of Galvez, James Hopkins	330
— Ann Delicia, James McGauley	272	— Molly, William Grice	417
— Young Eagle, James Wesley	268	— Diana, Jenkins Evans	394
— Speedwell, John Ainsworth	347	— Golden-Grove, John Proudfoot	415
— Flitty, William Brown	222	Schooner Express, Andrew Chester	127
— Joseph, Peter Maudslay	271	Ship Bolton, Roger Lee	431
— Fancy, George Cleland	298	— Spy, Thomas Wilson	465
— Hannah, William Young	504	Brig Dispatch, Edward Jackson	146
Barque Commerce, Richard Withering	183	Ship Thomas, Thomas Dodson	439
Schooner Harlequin, John Jones	110	Schooner Archer, William Maxwell	82
Ship Prince, James Gordon	285	— John, George Haliburton	215
— Sarah, William Blake	237	Ship Bud, Joseph Matthews	273
Brig Tamerlane, Robert Mule	194	— Othello, David Christian	242
Ship Catherine, William Mackie	167	— George, William Cockerell	274
— Barbadoes, James Forrest	300	— Courier, Richard Taylor	219
— Charles, Joseph Hodgson	268	— Stag, John Neale	290
— Lord Charlemont, Richard Pinder	304	— Louisa, Thomas Atkinson	234
— Cyclops, Patrick Fairweather	204	— Mary-Aun, Thomas Bathell	320
— Gascoyne, James Elby, e	331	— Governor Parry, Thomas Hufon	243
— Lion, Thomas Finnan	298	— Minerva, William Kewley	250
— Alice, Bryan Smith	272	— Eagle, David McEcheran	260
Brig Betsey, Richard Kent	150	— Roman Emperor, Robert Martin	401
Ship Isabella, Thomas Oslan	452	— Enterprise, William Young	350
— Peggy, John Smith	229	— Kitty, John Heion	221
Brig King of Dahomey, James Robertson	175	— Elliott, William Sherwood	502
Ship Brothers, Joseph William	218	— Pilgrim, John Parkinson	275
— Gipsy, John Tobin	277	— Wasp, John Hoofon	103
— Ned, George Maxwell	349		
	40,355		10,637

1794.

1795.

Ship Love, Lias, J. R. Wade	411	Ship Mary, James Riggby	221
		Brig Betsey, John Corran	311
	41		241

1795, *continued.*

	<i>No. of slaves.</i>
Ship Mary, Alexander Gordon -	442
Barque Joshua, Robert White -	242
Ship Eliza, John Tobin -	365
— Mars, John Preston -	264
Brig Mary, John Spencer -	194
Ship Experiment, William Michan -	231
— Commerce, Ded. Woolbert -	233
— Perseverance, Thomas Phillips -	460
Schooner Mary, Samuel Seavell -	73
Ship Duke of Buccleugh, John M'Lean -	364
— Crescent, James M'Gaulley -	299
— Kitty, George Walker -	479
Schooner Britannia, Jesse Topping -	180
Ship Hinde, Thomas Kirby -	415
— Ned, William Brown -	350
— Æolus, John L. Neale -	294
Schooner Colonel Gascoyne, Nath. Ireland	118
Barque Ann, John Mill -	295
Brig Rodney, John Jones -	228
Ship Ann Philippa, John Clare -	223
— Fly, Giles Creed -	223
— Bolton, Richard Hart -	432
— Union, James Thompson -	545
— Toms, John Whittle -	412
— Nancy, William Hewitt -	322
— Gudgeon, Robert Cotterell -	373
— Thomas, William Maxwell -	390
— Jemmy, Richard Pearson -	181
— Aspinall, Younger Kellick -	324
— Eliza, Thomas Oliver -	360
— Queen, Richard Coley -	518
— Mary, James Phillips -	219
— Louisa, Thomas Atkinson -	221
— Lion, John Smith -	410
— Iris, Charles Brodie -	260

11,459

1796.

Ship Catherine, Charles Kneale -	277
— Britannia, Joseph Matthews -	294
— Prince, John Adams -	425
— Nancy, Joseph Fayrer -	525
— Pilgrim, Edward Mentor -	403
— Old Dick, James Bud -	340
— Enterprize, John Heron -	356
— Roman Emperor, Robert Martin	377

1796, *continued.*

	<i>No. of slaves.</i>
Barque Betsey and Ann, John Smith	179
Ship Thomas, John Spencer -	313
— Crescent, James M'Gaulley -	297
— Rattler, Robert Bibbve -	468
— Diana, John Heliwell -	367
— Mary, William Boys -	235
— King William, George Greaves -	328
— Nelly, Samuel Damer -	376
— Bud, Thomas Smerdon -	266
— Lottery, William Stinger -	457
— Hannah, John Livingston -	515
— Kitty, George Walker -	497
— Pilgrim, John Parkinson -	418
— Catherine, Charles Kneale -	273
	7967

1797.

Ship Hinde, James Woodstock -	411
Schooner Lancaster Wirth, Thomas Rockcliffe	123
Ship Blanchard, Thomas Clough -	393
— Elliot, David Christian -	473
— Lord Stanley, Edward Holliwood -	374
— Thomas, George Farquhar -	410
Brig Plumper, Thomas Badfen -	138
Ship Jack Park, Patrick Welsh -	411
— Duke of Cumberland, Richard Gowens	283
— Fanie, Robert Bennett -	442
— Enterprize, John Heron -	362
— Mary, Thomas Brade -	238
Brig Abigail, Robert White -	290
Ship Molly, John Tobin -	419
— Duke of Buccleugh, George Cleland	557
— Tarleton, Thomas Cammell -	423
Barque Charlotte, Owen Pritchard -	196
Brig Hope, Henry Booth -	252
Ship Augustus, John Smith -	222
— Crescent, Joseph Tucker -	386
— Iris, John Spencer -	405
— Bridget, Joseph Threlfall -	346
— Kitty, James Bachope -	442
— Earl of Liverpool, George Bernard -	307
— Lottery, John Whittle -	440
— Catherine, Charles Kneale -	267
— Diana, James Ainsworth -	404
— Catherine, John Hodson -	312
— Windsor-Castle, Thomas Jones -	434
Ship	

1797, continued.

	No. of Slaves.
Ship Will, James Lake -	414
	10,374

1798.

Ship Hannah, David Latimer -	512
— Sarah, Thomas Lee -	412
— Fisher, Thomas Payne -	323
— John, John Livingston -	425
— Maria, Andrew Erskine -	176
— Mary, John Brailsford -	391
— May, Patrick Callan -	328
— Blanchard, James M <sup>c</sup> Gauley -	418
— Backhouse, James Hunter -	303
— Jack Park, Patrick Welsh -	404
— Brooks, John Richards -	446
— Columbus, Thomas Willoughby -	441
— Penelope, Luke Mann -	327
— Ann, James Bailiffe -	346
— Africa, Henry Atkins -	415
Brig Abigail, William Williams -	299
Ship Lord Stanley, William Murdoch	385
— Kitty, George Walker -	472
— Iris, George Cannon -	414
— Diana, William Lightfoot -	394
— Refource, Edward Clarke -	363
— Lottery, John Whittle -	460
— Louisa, William Brown -	455
— Augustus, John Smith -	333
— Will, Hugh Crow -	417
	9,659

1799.

Ship Crescent, Thomas Hufon -	376
— Catherine, Thomas Cummins -	331
— Aurora, James Bowie -	343
Schooner Ariel, John Givan -	152
Ship James, William Ingledue -	296
— Polly, John Ainsworth -	290

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1799, continued.

	No. of Slaves.
Ship Fisher, Thomas Payne -	324
— Catherine, John Morrison -	274
— Ann, Thomas Lee -	359
— Princess Amelia, John Livingston -	441
— Lune, James Bullard -	292
— May, Patrick Callan -	331
— Windsor-Castle, Thomas Jones -	420
— L'Agreable, James Seddon -	290
— Otter, Alexander Grierson -	410
— Jack Park, John Little -	405
— Goodrich, Henry Kennedy -	299
Sloop Mary, John Bonfal -	188
Ship Friendship, Duncan Stewart -	330
— Prescott, John Ward -	262
— Expedition, Robert M <sup>c</sup> Adam -	346
Brig Blanche, Richard Andow -	117
Ship Tonym, James Towers -	299
— Sarah, John Neale -	295
— Alexander, William Cockerell -	516
— Hannah, Andrew Arnold -	481
— Beaver, William Murray -	377
Brig Adventure, James Warren -	276
Ship Kitty, Robert Pince -	483
— Bud, Robert Tyrer -	260
— Caroline, William Findlay -	423
	10,286

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N.

Slaves imported in 1792 -	2,171
1793 -	20,355
1794 -	13,257
1795 -	11,459
1796 -	7,967
1797 -	10,374
1798 -	9,659
1799 -	10,286
	85,528

P. FRANCKLYN, collector.  
JOHN DAWSON, comptroller.

KINGSTON

## KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

An ACCOUNT of the number of SLAVES exported from this port, from November, 1792, to November, 1799.

1793.

	Whaler bound	No. of slaves.
Schooner Mary, Thomas Ballington	Honduras	8
Sloop Fanny, John Eryant	Havannah	10
— Melantha, Archibald Vesley	ditto	11
Schooner Eagle, John Simpson	Honduras	12
— Hawke, Patrick Aylward	Havannah	91
Brig Eliza, John McKay	Honduras	14
— Trimmer, Peter Murphy	Caymanas	23
— Friendship, John Gordon	Havannah	8
Sloop Neptune, Richard Martin	ditto	12
Brig Brothers, Thomas Bagnel	ditto	8
Sloop Sea-Flower, John Taylor	Caymanas	8
Schooner Secours, William Berry	Jeremie	10
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1794.

Brig Sally, Eliza Brown	Havannah	14
Schooner Sophia, James Stapledon	Honduras	8
Brig Brothers, Thomas Bagnel	ditto	11
Ship Polly, John Norris	Havannah	21
Schooner Thomas, Thomas Nelson	ditto	20
— Henry, Peter Murphy	ditto	6
Brig Juno, George Parker	ditto	14
Schooner Nancy, William Newton	ditto	11
Sloop Sheerness Packet, George Kidd	Jeremie	26
— William, William Canby	Havannah	3
Schooner Eagle, James Usher	Honduras	12
Sloop St. Joseph, Jacob D'Abert	Porto-Cavello	25
Brig George, Barth. Murras	Jeremie	150
— Virgine, William Sibbald	ditto	14
Sloop Ranger, Joseph Claddin	Havannah	5
Brig Jason, Francis Gerrard	Jeremie	12
Schooner Constantia, Joseph Murray	Cuba	80
— St. Jof. las Animas, Manuel Guno	ditto	24
Sloop Montserrat, J. Monfiera	Havannah	80
— la Canila, Joseph A. Sierra	Cuba	22
Schooner Na. Sa. del Rosario, F. G. Lute	ditto	3
— Francis Paula, Francis Suanes	ditto	76
Sloop Canabario, Joseph Manuel	Porto-Cavello	22
Schooner Montserrat, P. Sanalde	Havannah	25
— Na. Sa. del Caumen, Joseph Romero	ditto	155
Brig Batley, William Marshall	ditto	60
Sloop St. Joseph, Juan Fernandez	Santa Martha	15
— St. Carlos, James Flavan	Coro	7
Schooner St. Jof y las Animas, Francisco Gonzales	Havannah	62

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1794, continued.

	Whither bound.	No. of slaves.
Schooner St. Antonio Abad, Jof. Martinez	Cuba	7
— St. Pedro, Manuel Quintano	ditto	75
— La Estrella, Francisco Perre	ditto	5
— Flower of April, Jof. Yranagoni	Trinidad	60
Sloop St. Anna, Juan Barrio	Rio de la Hache	22
Schooner Santa Christi, Ballafar Lopez	Cuba	54
— Vigilant, Alexander Formie	ditto	25
— Na. Sa. del Carmen, Abraham Punto	ditto	40
— St. Jof. y las Animas, Porto Bello	Porto-Bello	10
— La Trinidad, Mattias de Sofa	Cuba	5
— Louifiana, Antonio Laporte	Louifiana	8
Sloop St. Anna, Manuel Cuello	Cuba	19
Schooner San Francisco Havier, Joseph Roche	ditto	27

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Sloop Montferrat, Joseph Medina	Havannah	70
Schooner Na. Sa. del Carmen, L. Manfara	ditto	45
Sloop St. Louis, Mattias Fandefor	Porto-Cavello	27
Schooner St. Jof. y las Animas, Francisco Llorens	Cuba	6
Sloop Vella Angellica, Gabriel Gonzales	ditto	26
Schooner St. Jof. y las Animas, Silbestre Moyne	Carthagen	12
— Hope, David Cooke	Havannah	100
— Syren, Converse Lilly	Savannah	80
Brig Fair American, Stephen Bateman	ditto	14
Sloop Industry, William Lever	Caymanac	6
Schooner Deux Amis, James Anderfon	ditto	3
— Mary, George Hamilton	Providence	25
— L'Egrette, P. Suzing	Jeremie	23
Brig Christiana, James Mitchell	Savannah	70
Sloop Mercury, John Benoit	Jeremie	120
Schooner Enterprife, George Bannerman	Jeremie	40
— L'Egrette, Pierre Suzing	ditto	130
— Fidelle, John Guiverneau	ditto	25
Brig Betsy, James Williams	Havannah	13
Schooner Orrington, John Pratt	ditto	17
— Voltigeur, Pierre La Porte	Jeremie	25
— William and Eliza, James Donnell	Havannah	6
— Polly and Nancy, James Cook	St. Jago de Cuba	6
— Sa. de Belen, Salvador Perez	Cuba	13
— Del Carmen, Domingo Gonzales	ditto	3
— Vigilant, Peter Royer	ditto	27
Sloop St. Anna, Manuel Cuélllo	ditto	60
Schooner Florence de Abriel, Jof. Irurrogori	Trinidad	80
— La Florentina, Julian Dios	ditto	3
— San Antonio, Antonio Collado	ditto	13

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1795. *continued.*

	<i>Whaler board.</i>		<i>No. of slaves.</i>
Schooner San Ignacio, Joseph San Roman	-	Cuba	38
----- El Carmen, Melchor Roderigues	-	Havannah	111
----- La Hermana, Navette Goilean	-	ditto	45
----- Na. Sa. del Carmen, Jos. Medina	-	ditto	189
----- La Merced, Pedro Dias	-	ditto	6
----- El Carmen, Chs. Ballahavar	-	ditto	4
Sloop Montferrat, Juan Lozario	-	ditto	41
Schooner La Dolores, Manuel Aimesnes	-	ditto	20
Sloop St. Anna, Manuel Guello	-	ditto	80
Schooner Santo Christo, Juan Guardiola	-	Carthagena	14
----- Conception, Sebastian Cantero	-	Porto Bello	15
----- St. Pedro, Juan Jerola	-	Porto Principe	129
Sloop Secora, Sebastian Dominge	-	Coro	80
Schooner San Rosalerio, Emanuel Erad	-	Havannah	80
Sloop Santa Rosa, Fernandes Lamero	-	ditto	170
Schooner La Florentina, Augustin Romero	-	Trinidad	8
----- La Dolores, Manuel Blanco	-	Havannah	125
Sloop Candelario, Manuel de Vallo	-	Puerto Cavello	20
Schooner El Carmen, Juan Messa	-	Havannah	25
----- y las Animas, Joseph Gonzales	-	Carthagena	12
----- Santo Animas, Francisco Lorens	-	Cuba	24
----- La Estrella, Jos. Ferriagou	-	Trinidad	100
----- La Conception, Sebastian Cantero	-	Porto Bello	12
----- Na. del Carmen, Cosme Cortes	-	Carthagena	4
Sloop La Conception, Christopher Vidal	-	Santa Martha	31
Schooner La Esperanza, Simon Mori	-	Carthagena	6
----- Santo Christo, Juan Guardiola	-	ditto	16
----- San Joseph, Xirn Gutierrez	-	ditto	6
----- Santa Reta, J. B. Fovane	-	ditto	12
----- Santa Rosalia, Manuel Aroyo	-	Havannah	87
----- El Carmen, Cosme Cortes	-	Carthagena	10
----- St. Joseph y las Animas, G. Gonzales	-	Cuba	3
----- San Ignacio, Joseph Gonzales	-	Carthagena	19
----- Montferrat, Juan L. Mansera	-	Havannah	87
----- La Esperanza, Sebastian Mori	-	Carthagena	30
----- El Pillan, Santo Cunas	-	Cuba	8
----- El Grand Roder de Dios, Jose. Abatte	-	Carthagena	20
----- El Santo Christo, Juan Guardiola	-	ditto	25
----- St. Jos. y las Animas, Silvestre Moyna	-	ditto	36
Sloop La Candelaria, Francis Antonio	-	Cuba	24
----- Santo Anna, Manuel Cruth	-	Havannah	86
----- Candelaria, Francisco Arambuno	-	Cuba	57
Schooner y las Animas, Gabriel Gonzales	-	ditto	65
----- El Carmen, Joseph Monzo	-	Havannah	15
----- Flower Abriel, Juan A. Messa	-	ditto	89
----- Santo Christo, Juan Guardiola	-	Carthagena	5
----- Dolores, Michael Blanco	-	Cuba	85
----- Santo Popa, Vironio Guerrier	-	Carthagena	28

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1795. continued.

	Whether bound.	No. of slaves.
Schooner El Carmén, Cosme Cortes -	Carthage	15
St. Francisco Animas, Gabriel Gonzales -	Havannah	47
Candere, Joseph Roche -	ditto	53
St. Animas, Geronimia Mart -	Trinidad	34
El Carmen, Juan Bernardi -	Santa Martha	83
Santa Roselle, Francisco Coldero -	Havannah	33
Sloop Santa Anna, Manuel Cuello -	ditto	144
Schooner Las Animas, Baptiste de la Tuente -	Carthage	12
Bonne Intention, Jno. Baptiste Castillio -	Havannah	80
Metta, P. J. Hernandez -	ditto	90
Sloop St. Jos. del Carmen, Juan Buente -	Carthage	20
Schooner Montferrat, J. L. Manera -	Havannah	82
San J. La Popa, V. Gutierrez -	Carthage	8
Florentina, A. Romero -	Havannah	101
La Caridad, Joseph Medina -	ditto	70
Saint Fernando, Domingo Torres -	ditto	30
Conception, Miguel Roche -	Santa Martha	25

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Schooner Na. del Carmen, Joseph Canto -	Cuba	40
Sloop Santa Rosa, Andrew Hernandez -	Havannah	51
Schooner N. S. del Carmen, J. Martinez -	Santo Domingo	20
St. Antonio Abad, D. Fernandes -	Cuba	15
Esperanza, Joseph Abell -	Porto Bello	19
La Conception, Sebastian Cantero -	ditto	9
Saint Abad, Gerdo. Martinero -	Trinidad	100
La Aimable, Afencio Consera -	ditto	34
Santo Antonios, Joseph Nieto -	ditto	73
La Caridad, Nicholas Valencio -	ditto	94
Florentina, Antonio Romero -	Havannah	50
Saint Roselle, Francisco Coldero -	ditto	86
Constantia, Francisco Reves -	Trinidad	60
Brig Bourbon, Antonio Lopez -	Porto Cavello	40
Schooner Aletta, M. Vinegares -	Havannah	100
Sloop Saint Anna, Manuel Cuello -	ditto	34
Caridad, Julian Ledema -	Trinidad	50
Schooner St. Louis, Mattias Fandefor -	Havannah	84
Good Intention, Juan B. Cantello -	ditto	30
San Frederick, Lament Debedes -	Cuba	27
Florentina, Augustin Romero -	Havannah	102
El Carmen, Francisco Moreno -	Cuba	60
Montferrat, J. L. Manera -	Havannah	106
Na Sa. del Carmen, Jno. Romero -	ditto	95
Del Carmen, Cosme Cortes -	Porto Bello	85
Sloop Santa Anna, John Roderigues -	Cuba	13
Schooner Carmen, Francisco Pedro -	ditto	15

Schooner.

1796, *continued.*

	<i>Whither bound.</i>	<i>No. of slaves.</i>
Schooner Constantia, Lewis de la Reyes	Trinidad	36
Brig Fidelite, Joseph Fanegori	ditto	105
Schooner Carmen, Feliciano Mas	Havannah	50
— Santo Apollo, Juan Guardiola	Cuba	14
— La Caridad, John Medina	Havannah	100
— Mary and Sally, Louis Noguero	ditto	90
— Bonne Intentione, J. Gonzales	ditto	140
— San y las Animas, J. Moyna	Carthagena	45
— del Carmen, Joseph Predra	Cuba	82
— Na. Sa. del Carmen, John Dolores	Trinidad	45
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1797.

Schooner Favourite, John R. Miranda	St. Thomas	110
— Francois, Andrew Jacob	ditto	20
— Riobenhavenstadt, Francisco Tournier	ditto	54
— Diligence, John Baptiste Icardo	ditto	6
Brig Two Sisters, David Lamb	Havannah	36
— Yorick, P. Pendleton	ditto	16
Schooner Corporal Trim, John Dobson	ditto	6
Brig Venus, Joseph Curtis	ditto	8
— Superb, G. McFarlane	St. Thomas	18
Schooner Voltigeur, Pierre La Porte	Jeremie	36
— Fidelle, John Guiverneau	ditto	120
— Marsouin, Jos. Chigary	ditto	75
Ship Harriott, George Bannerman	ditto	20
Schooner Eagle, Pierre Suan	ditto	14
Ship Niger, G. du Petit Thouars	ditto	50
Schooner L'Egrette, Francois Mari	ditto	10
Sloop Victory, Alexander Dupre	ditto	80
— Victory, John Revol	St. Marc	20
Schooner Minorca, John La Coste	Port-au-Prince	88
— Fidelle, John Guiverneau	Jeremie	12
— Secours, John Hunter	ditto	50
Ship Jane, John Knies	ditto	100
Schooner Voltigeur, Pierre La Porte	ditto	30
Brig Union, John Brown	Savannah	11
— Boreas, D. Lovett	ditto	10
Schooner Cummings, Thomas Bannatine	ditto	21
Snow Boston, M. D. Duberty	ditto	30
Schooner Minorca, Simon La Coste	Jeremie	130
Brig Success, Jos. Utter	ditto	110
Schooner Fidelle, John Guiverneau	ditto	60
— Argonaut, John Roux	Port-au-Prince	150
— L'Egrette, Francois Mari	Jeremie	31
Ship Royal Edward, John Borlinder	Port-au-Prince	27
Schooner Voltigeur, Pierre La Porte	Jeremie	19

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1797, continued.

	Whither bound	No. of slaves.
Schooner Mitorca, Simon La Coste	Port-au-Prince	40
— Fidelle, John Guiverneau	Jeremie	25
— Fly, Alexander Gubian	ditto	19
— Lancaster Witch, John M'Cartney	ditto	123
Brig Sally, Webster Brown	Savannah	14
— Norfolk, William Reynolds	ditto	28
Ship Commerce, John Hume	ditto	12
Snow Nelly, Levein Dathiel	ditto	63
Brig Paddy, John Howland	ditto	100
Sloop Scrub, John Ruffel	ditto	35
Schooner Polly, Peter Neale	ditto	80
Ship Hinde, Francois Patot	Jeremie	132
Schooner Fly, Alexander Gubian	Mole	90
Brig Succes, Joseph Utter	Jeremie	103
Sloop Victory, Alexander Duprey	ditto	49
Schooner Voltigeur, J. La Porte	ditto	12
Ship General Simcoe, J. Revol	Mole	90
Brig Marfouin, J. Chigary	Jeremie	18
Ship Arethusa, John Keith	Savannah	56
Schooner Hector, John Horsborough	ditto	14
Brig Minerva, James Long	ditto	10
Schooner Robert, J. Souvernen	Jeremie	15
— Voltigeur, D. Angelette	ditto	25
— Robert, Jacque Souvernen	ditto	19
— Argonaut, Raymond Bayonne	ditto	35
Brig Marfouin, J. Chigary	ditto	11
Schooner Robert, Jacque Souvernen	ditto	22
— Voltigeur, D. Angelette	ditto	15
Brig Charlotte, Charles Mazarine	ditto	59
Schooner Betsey and Sally, John Ruffel	Caymanas	40
— Rover, William Lever	ditto	40

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Schooner Robert, Jacque Souvernen	Jeremie	10
Brig Argonaut, Raymond Bayonne	ditto	31
— Charlotte, Charles Mazarine	ditto	29
— Succes, Joseph Utter	St. Marc	19
— Marfouin, J. Chigary	Jeremie	24
Schooner Aurora, J. Befom	Savannah	50
Ship Fanny, John Williams	ditto	21
Schooner Nat Cooper, Parsons Bennett	ditto	50
Brig Harriot, John Lightburn	ditto	50
Schooner Telegraph, Paul Gould	ditto	50
— Flying-Fish, Louis Duclos	Caymanas	40
— Port-Morant Packet, William James	ditto	93
— Friends, Thomas Ballantine	ditto	30

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1798, continued.

	Whither bound.	No. of Negroes.
Schooner Flying-Fish, Louis Duches	N. Providence	83
Sloop Betsey and Sally, John Ruffel	Caymanas	50
Schooner Adventure, John Dixon	ditto	25
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Sloop Nonpareil, John Ruffel	Caymanas	40
— Morgan Rattler, Joseph Cotterel	ditto	12
Schooner Adventure, Cornelius Hynes	ditto	10
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Slaves exported from November, 1792, to November, 1793		215
1794		1,330
1795		4,214
1796		2,199
1797		2,941
1798		655
1799		62
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Errors excepted.

26th November, 1799.

P. FRANCKLYN, collector.  
JOHN DAWSON, comptroller.

## No. IV.

An ACCOUNT of all NEGROES imported from AFRICA, into the port of Montego-Bay, from the 24th of November, 1792, to the 1st November, 1799, specifying the ships, and the number of negroes which have been imported in each such ship, and the dates of their importation respectively.

1792.			1793, continued.		
Date of importation.	Ship's Name.	No. of negroes.	Date of importation.	Ship's name.	No. of negroes.
December 6.	Ship Alfred	317	May 8.	Ship Rio-Nova	418
24.	— Ellis	455	24.	— Othello	283
24.	— Mary	417		— Apollo	252
1793.			31.	— Brothers	212
January 8.	Ship Jenny	321	June 6.	— Louisa	171
14.	— Brooks	396	10.	Brig Courier	254
18.	— African Queen	213	18.	Ship Jupiter	357
24.	— Wasp	200	27.	— Nancy	443
February 15.	Ship James	302	July 6.	Ship Thomas	216
March 16.	— Friendship	208	15.	— Backhouse	280
May 8.	— Jane	352	August 13.	— Levant	324
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1792, continued.			1798.		
Date of importation.	Ship's name.	No. of negroes.	Date of importation.	Ship's name.	No. of negroes.
August	24. Ship Bell	-	January	22. Ship Sarah	- 510
	26. Brig Fanny	-	August	11. — Favourite	- 562
October	3. Ship Langrishe	- 372	December	10. Ship Earl of Liverpool	- 347
1794.			1799.		
June	6. Ship Philip Stephens	- 227	March	1. Ship Sarah	- 511
1795.			July	9. — Rio-Nova	- 471
February	12. Ship Mary	- 408	Total		10,787
June	22. — Bud	- 271			
	25. — James	- 311			

Custom-house, Montego-Bay, in Jamaica,

We do hereby certify that the above account is truly extracted from the books in this office. Given under our hands this 26th November, 1799.

JAMES FANNIN, acting collector.

PLTER GRANT, comptroller.

An ACCOUNT of all NEW NEGROES exported from the port of Montego-Bay, from the 24th November, 1792, to the 1st November, 1799, specifying the ships and the number of negroes which have been exported in each such ship, and the dates of their exportation respectively.

1793.			1794, continued.		
Date of exportation.	Vessel's name.	No. of negroes.	Date of exportation.	Vessel's name.	No. of negroes.
June	14. Ship Eagle	24	March	16. Schooner Del Carmen	6
July	24. — Alfred	40		— Rosario	10
September	2. Schooner Estrella	8	17. Sloop Maria Teresa	2	
	13. Sloop Sta. Cecilia	3	21. — N. S. de la Merced	3	
	Schooner Malumbruno	2	— Montserrat	1	
	14. Sloop N. S. de la Concepcion	2	Schooner St. Josef	1	
	17. — N. S. del Carmen	2	26. Sloop Soledad	6	
	21. Schooner Catherine	61	Schooner Del Carmen	1	
	— Betsey	2	27. Brig Caytano	6	
	25. Sloop St. Josef	2	Schooner N. S. del Rosario	2	
October	11. — N. S. de la Concepcion	6	April	7. — Little Jim	20
	18. Schooner N. S. del Carmen	4	14. Sloop St. Antonio	5	
November	19. — St. Josef	4	18. Schooner N. S. del Carmen	1	
	22. — Santa Familia	1	May	6. — La Maria	1
	— Santa Rita	6	26. Sloop La Caridad	4	
	26. — St. Joseph Animas	1	June	6. Schooner Carmen	1
December	2. Sloop Sarah	7	14. — — — Angelica	2	
	13. Brig St. Caytano	10	17. — — — Maria	1	
	Schooner Rosario	1	July	17. Sloop La Concepcion	2
	1794.		26. — — — Raphael	1	
January	11. Schooner Jesus Maria	2	August	11. Schooner Cecilia	2
	14. Sloop Sta. Anna	4	23. — — — La Maria	2	
February	10. Schooner Del Carida	7	30. — — — St. Juan Baptiste	2	
	21. — — — Del Carida	9	September	15. — — — La Merced	5
	26. St. Raphael	10	16. — — — St. Josef	1	
March	2. Sloop Santa Rita	6	20. — — — Santa Rita	1	
	10. Schooner Sta. Anna	4	26. — — — Sta. Isabella	3	
	13. Sloop N. S. del Regla	2	29. Sloop St. Raphael	2	

Schooner

1794. <i>continued.</i>			1796.		
<i>Date of exportation.</i>	<i>Vessel's name.</i>	<i>No. of negroes.</i>	<i>Date of exportation.</i>	<i>Vessel's name.</i>	<i>No. of negroes.</i>
October 10.	Schooner St. Juan Baptiste	- 2	January 9.	Brig Fortune	- 14
November 6.	Sloop Sues Maria	- 1	18.	Sloop N. S. Socorro	- 1
10.	Schooner La Merced	- 2	February 18.	— Sally	- 20
18.	— N. S. del Carmen	- 2	March 7.	Schooner Sta. Isabel	- 5
December 15.	Sloop Caridad	- 1	May 3.	Brig Ann	- 10
—	Montserrat	- 2	June 8.	Schooner Experiment	- 15
—	Maria	- 1	July 11.	Brig Santa Familia	- 15
29.	Ship Hawk	- 23	20.	Schooner Le Merced	- 7
30.	Sloop Kezia	- 7	23.	— Isabella	- 1
1795.			August 20.	— St. Thomas	- 2
January 20.	— Conception	- 1	— Sloop San Francisco	- 2	
—	Schooner St. Josef	- 3	25.	Schooner Dolly	- 9
—	— Sacra Monte	- 2	September 6.	Sloop N. S. del Carmen	- 1
—	Brig St. Josef	- 2	October 12.	Schooner St. Thomas	- 6
February 7.	— Christiana	- 30	14.	Sloop Del Carmen	- 1
20.	Schooner Sta. Isabel	- 2	20.	— St. Josef	- 1
March 6.	Sloop La Conception	- 1	November 6.	Schooner Polly	- 6
23.	— N. S. Regla	- 1	December 13.	— Liberty	- 5
April 15.	Schooner Maria	- 2	1797.		
—	Brig St. Michael	- 1	January 24.	Schooner Anna	- 21
17.	Schooner Sto. Christo	- 1	March 11.	Brig Hiram	- 5
21.	Sloop St. Josef	- 3	1798.		
July 7.	Schooner Friendship	- 7	May 7.	Ship Hope	- 20
October 19.	Brig Eagle	- 10	Total		
November 24.	Schooner Hazard	- 10	614		

*Custom-house, Montego-Bay, Jamaica,*

We do hereby certify that the preceding account is truly extracted from the books in this office. Given under our hands, this 26th November, 1799.

JAMES FANNIN, *acting collector.*

PETER GRANT, *comptroller.*

### No. V.

Moore-Town.

A RETURN of the MAROON NEGROES of MOORE-TOWN, 15th November, 1799.

ABLE MEN.—54.

<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>	
Chas. Harris, captain	73	David Bryce	- 38	Ellis	- 53
Adam, ditto	- 71	Wm. Betts, mulatto	25	Forfytth	- 60
Yeaow, lieutenant	- 73	Charles Bryan	- 33	French	- 51
John Nixon, ditto	55	John Bryan	- 36	Frank	- 25
John Sambo, ditto	51	William Burke	- 33	William Grant	- 55
James Phillips, ditto	48	Thomas Carry	- 33	George Grant	- 36
Armstrong, private	35	Cuffee	- 33	Judge Gordon	- 31
Burrell	- 71	John Carney	- 35	John Harris	- 35
Edward Brown	- 60	Dancer	- 36	Richard Henry	- 36
George Beckford	- 48	Duncan	- 31	Little Henry	- 33
John Brown	- 43	Darby	- 26	Adam Hopkins	- 35
				Jamie	

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	Age.		Age.		Age.
Tamie -	25	Kean Osborn -	36	Searchwell -	35
Robert M'Gregor -	36	William Oakley -	31	John Sherwood -	32
John Minot -	33	Robert Paterfon -	47	James Tod, mulatto	41
Manwell -	31	Quashee -	33	Simon Taylor -	41
Allan M'Lean, mul.	31	Michael Ree -	31	Richard Valentine	35
John -	23	Stamford -	41	William Waters -	44
Neil M'Leod -	23	Stirling -	39	Welcome -	63

## MEN BOYS.—20.

John Phillips -	19	Robert Gordon -	13	Richard Reeder -	20
Charles Brown -	15	Quacco Charlton -	17	James ditto -	18
James Bayley -	21	Quacco Reeder -	21	Henry Douglas -	19
William ditto -	19	Jacky Grant -	21	Adam ditto -	18
Peter ditto -	17	William ditto -	17	James Quality -	19
Thomas ditto -	14	Doffow Gilliate -	21	William Searchwell	16
Reeder Charlton -	17	Quacco ditto -	21		

## WOMEN.—31.

Nanny Harris -	53	Cuba Gilliate -	28	Betty Valentine -	32
Hannah ditto -	31	Nanny Reeder -	53	Katty M'Gregor -	29
Polly ditto -	29	Nancy ditto -	33	Nanny Stirling -	50
Nelly Yeaw -	83	Juba ditto -	31	Lilly M'Farlane -	21
Elizabeth Nixon -	48	Sally ditto -	30	Sally ditto -	19
Abba Sambo -	38	Joan ditto -	28	Fanny ditto -	18
Mary Oakley -	28	Peggy Douglas -	38	Hannah Osborn -	29
Elizabeth Phillips -	58	Nancy ditto -	29	Sarah Grant -	50
Jeany Burke, mulatto	31	Sarah ditto -	27	Dido Hopkins -	73
Nanny ditto, ditto	21	Abba Amos -	61	Queen -	40
Sarah Burrell -	41	Sarah Kinna'rd -	38	Judy Ellis -	35
Jeany Searchwell	31	Jeany ditto, mulatto	20	Mimba Minot -	28
Sufanna ditto -	23	Peggy Ritchie -	29	Mary Martine -	40
Nanny ditto -	17	Nanny Bryan -	30	Betty Cuffie -	28
Suckey E. Brown -	49	Mimba ditto -	17	Grace Quasheba -	25
Mally ditto -	29	Affie Osborn -	30	Bessy Brown -	25
Christian ditto -	27	Sarah ditto -	17	Polly Bristol -	29
Betty Bayley -	41	Cuba Paterfon -	35	Bessy Anderson, mul.	29
Nancy ditto -	29	Beneba ditto -	17	Katty Clark, ditto -	28
Phibba Beckford -	29	Mimba Stamford -	30	Annie M'Leod, ditto	23
Dido Charlton -	73	Diana Tod -	30	Nelly Murray, ditto	21
Cuba ditto -	29	Peggy Bryce -	41	Nancy Cameron, ditto	18
Amba ditto -	22	Phibba Gordon -	36	Sally Norris, ditto	19
Quasheba W. Grant	29	Mall Waters -	39	Old Yabbah -	63
Christmas ditto -	28	Quality Quasheba	51	Ditto Hannah -	72
Amba Gilliate -	41	Sally ditto -	30	Ditto Abba -	73
Phibba ditto -	31	Maria -	61	Ditto Cuba -	83

## GIRLS.—9.

Affie Brown -	19	Flora Beckford -	15	Grace Harris -	14
Tod Charlton -	15	Mally Gilliate -	15	Diana Adam -	14
Sabina Reeder -	19	Flora Abba -	15	Delia Beckford -	14

## CHILDREN.—108.

Kennedy Harris -	13	Celia Harris -	11	Minerva Harris -	5
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Barbara

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	Age.		Age.		Age.
Barbary Burke	- 6	John Thaxter, mulatto	4	John Valentine	- 5
Hannah Searchwell	12	Charlotte Douglas	- 9	Richard Berry ditto	3
Quashie ditto	- 9	Harry ditto	- 8	Diana M <sup>c</sup> Gregor	- 5
Mary Brown	- 13	Dawkins ditto	- 7	Edward ditto	- 3
Amba ditto	- 11	George ditto	- 6	Bessy Stirling	- 6
Chas. Charlton, mul.	10	Mary ditto	- 5	Christian ditto	- 5
Agnes Bayley	- 5	Welcome ditto	- 3	Quasheba ditto	- 4
George Robo, mulatto	7	Nelly, mulatto	- 5	William ditto	- 4
Sam ditto, ditto	- 6	Mary Ritchie, ditto	3	Cato ditto	- 3
Bony ditto, ditto	- 4	Beck Bryan	- 6	Joe ditto	- 3
Lawland ditto, ditto	3	Bessy ditto	- 5	Tyrrel Osborn	- 10
Matilda Charlton	- 9	Cassie ditto	- 4	Duncan ditto	- 5
Jacky ditto	- 8	Edward ditto	- 3	Rachael ditto	- 3
Quashie W. Grant	6	Phillis ditto	- 2	Abba Ellis	- 13
Hannah ditto	- 5	Quasheba Osborn	- 5	Young ditto	- 12
Sanders ditto	- 3	Cudjoe ditto	- 5	Becky ditto	- 10
Penny Hopkins	- 5	Peter ditto	- 2	Dido ditto	- 7
Clara ditto	- 4	Mary Paterfon	- 9	Mary ditto	- 5
Nanny Gilliate	- 7	Dido ditto	- 8	Johnston ditto	- 3
Katy ditto	- 6	Joan ditto	- 6	Juba Oakley	- 3
Will ditto	- 5	Hannah ditto	- 5	Grace Douglas	- 2
Risburn Grant	- 5	Charles ditto	- 4	William M <sup>c</sup> Lean	- 2
Bett ditto	- 4	John Stamford	- 4	James Allan	- 2
Samuel Bob, mulatto	7	Patt Tod	- 8	Bessy Reeder	- 7
Katy ditto, ditto	- 5	Fillie ditto	- 6	Elizabeth Dean	- 4
Fanny Wiggins, ditto	8	Annie ditto	- 5	Eliza Roe	- 2
Rachel Richards, ditto	8	William Bryce	- 7	Nancy Searchwell	- 2
Davie ditto, ditto	- 7	Katy Gordon	- 12	Charles Amba, mulatto	2
Bessy ditto, ditto	- 6	Franky ditto	- 10	Betty Sally	- 1
George ditto, ditto	4	Fammah ditto	- 8	Edward M <sup>c</sup> Gregor	- 1
Marian Ritchie, ditto	6	Suckey ditto	- 6	Charles Quasheba	- 1
Thomas Reeder, ditto	5	Dolly Waters	- 10	George Hopkins	- 1
Jeffy ditto, ditto	- 3	Edward ditto	- 4	Quamina Dean	- 1
Nelly Thaxter, ditto	6	Betty Quality	- 5	Eliza Minot	- 1
Jacky ditto, ditto	- 5	Peter Valentine	- 6	Dido Henry	- 1

Men, 54; Boys, 20; Women, 81; Girls, 9; Children, 108:—Total, 272.

AN ACCOUNT of such MAROONS who are possessed of slaves, distinguishing their sex, the 15th November, 1799.

Old Nelly Yeaow, has three women and two children.

Katty Cameron, one woman and one child.

Nanny Harris and Hannah, between them, one ditto and two children.

Lieutenant Yeaow, one man.

Lieutenant John Nixon, one ditto.

Lieutenant John Sambo, one woman and two children.

Lieutenant James Phillips, one ditto and two ditto.

Quality Quasheba, one ditto and one child.

Simon Taylor, one ditto.

Mary Martine, one ditto and one man.

Dido Hopkins, one ditto.

Welcome, one old man.

A RETURN

*A RETURN of such MAROONS belonging to Moore-Town that do not at present reside in the town, and their places of residence, 15th November, 1799.*

Nelly Murray, mulatto, lives with her father, in St. Thomas in the East.

Bessy Anderson, ditto, at Port-Morant, with her uncle.

Annie M'Leod, ditto, about ditto.

Katy Cameron, ditto, at Port-Antonio.

Jeany Burke, ditto, at ditto.

Amba, at St. David's, with a white man.

Phibba, at the Grove, with Mr. Robo.

Nancy, with Mr. Tucker, near Port-Antonio.

Juba, with Mr. Richards, ditto.

Joan, with Mr. Thaxter, ditto.

George Grant, at Nightingale-Grove, in Portland.

Quasheba, at ditto.

Personally appeared before me, Charles Douglas, superintendant of the maroons at Moore-Town, and maketh oath, that the foregoing return is just and true, to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

CHARLES DOUGLAS.

*Sworn before me, the 20th November, 1799.*

THOMAS OAKLEY.

*A RETURN of men, women, boys, girls, and children, of the MAROONS of CHARLES-TOWN, increase and decrease of them from the 1st November, 1798, to 1st November, 1799, and what slaves they are possessed of.*

OFFICERS.

	<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>
Major S. Grant	56	Lieut. John Mead	53	Ensign Wm. Kelly	63
Captain Wm. White	53				

MEN SHOT.

Charles Irvine	-	68	Matheis	-	30	Bossue	-	21
Ancoma	-	63	Quaco	-	30	John	-	21
Robert Richards	-	53	William Gray	-	29	Tamie	-	21
John Sanderfon	-	51	David Grant	-	31	Frank	-	21
Robert Harris	-	48	Winter	-	29	Quaco	-	21
Thomas Palmer	-	48	Robert Waters	-	28	Bossue	-	19
James Giscome	-	43	Blackwood	-	27	William Hardrick	-	19
John Gargil	-	41	Robert Shaw	-	27	William Burke	-	19
David Sheriff	-	41	Robert Moor	-	27	Peter	-	19
Wiltshire	-	41	William Pink	-	27	Cato	-	19
Thomas Ball	-	39	James Crawford	-	27	Quaco	-	19
William Cockburn	-	39	John Shackelford	-	27	Yaw	-	18
Jack Price	-	39	John Ingram	-	27	London	-	18
John Macfarlane	-	39	John Stirling	-	25	Cudjoe	-	18
John Gordon	-	39	William	-	23	Frank	-	18
Robert Benton	-	41	George	-	23	Robert	-	18
Thomas Prince	-	34	Robert Haynes	-	23	Jacob	-	18
Matthew Wallen	-	33	William Burch	-	23	Tamie	-	18
Rodney	-	31	Ben	-	21	Robert	-	18
John Beckford	-	31	Will	-	21	Bowman	-	18
James Harris	-	30	Duke	-	21	Cudjoe	-	18

Mackay

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	<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>
Mackay	18	Welcome	18	Robert	17
Cudjoe	18	Cudjoe	17	Francis	16
WOMEN.					
Pheba	63	Betty Burke	33	Yabba	19
Flora	63	Mimba	33	Celia	19
Mary	63	Juba	33	Catherine	19
Betty	63	Mary Cockburn	33	Margaret	18
Sarah Spencer	63	Pheba	30	Sally	18
Yankie	63	Nancy Henley	30	Sabina	18
Joan	58	Ann Richards	29	Lucy	18
Cuba	58	Elizabeth Shirley	29	Nanny	18
Mimba	58	Yabba	29	Venus	17
Mimba	57	Elizabeth Burch	29	Rachel	17
Mimba	57	Susan Taylor	29	Lucy	17
Prue	57	Pheba Dawes	29	Jenny	17
Juba	57	Pheba	25	Diana	17
Pheba	48	Quasheba	23	Molly	17
Queen	48	Pheba	23	Ketty	16
Mally	43	Betty	23	Mimba	16
Cuba	43	Kate	23	Molly	16
Betty	43	Syna	23	Marina	16
Juba	43	Nelly	21	Jenny	16
Diana	43	Marina	21	Molly	16
Quasheba	43	Betty	21	Rosey	16
Catalina	43	Mimba	21	Aba	16
Nanny	43	Dido	21	Nanny	16
Yabba	43	Diana	20	Juba	16
Mary	39	Celia	19	Celia	16
Jeffy Macfarlane	35	Rachel	19	Goudie	16
Grace	33	Mary	19	Sally	16
Yabba	33	Nancy	19	Frankie	16
Beck	33	Suckie	19	Rose	16
Mary	33				

## Boys, from fifteen to eight years.

Brown	Bryan	Robert	Samie
Harry	Quaslie	James	William
Harry	Gordon	Yaw	Cudjoe
Joe	Baillie	Thomas	John
Sam	Cato	Baillie	William
William	John	Cudjoe	Sam
Robert	William	Baillie	John
William	Cudjoe	Tom	Jackie
Cato	James	Edward	Duncan
Edward	Charles	Cuffee	Yaw
Tom	Gordon		

## GIRLS, from fifteen to eight years.

Bess	Juba	Sally	Jeffy
Kitty	Elizabeth	Cuba	Dolly
Mary	Juba	Bunchie	Suckie

Betty

Betty	Betty	Betty	Juba
Diana	Lettice	Mimiba	Juba
Puffie	Quasheba	Molly	Cretia
Mary	Kitty	Jeffy	Polly
Mary	Betty	Sarah	Mary
<i>Children, from eight to four years :—29.</i>			
John	Beck	Diana	Charlotte
Thomas	John	Pheba	Thomas
Samie	John	Charlotte	Cudjoe
James	James	Pegg	Nanny
George	Gracey	Sally	Molly
John	Lettice	Eleanor	George
Jackie	Agnes	Quasheba	Nelly
Cuffie			

*From four years to two months :—26.*

Patt	Jeffy	Edie	Kingston
Bella	Kitty	Nelly	Jackie
Yaw	Patt	George	Betty
Diana	Cudjoe	Cato	Beth
Anfella	Juba	Cudjoe	Rose
Thomas	Juba	Alexander	Janet
Cretia	Mary		

INVALID:—John Hardwar.

Officers, 4; men shot, 69; women, 88; boys, 42; girls, 32; children, 55;  
Invalid, 1:—Total, 291.

*Residing out of the town.*

*In Scott's Hall, Jack Price, Duke, Yaw, Peter.—In Britain, Mackay, a mulatto.*  
*Left the town without leave.*

Wiltshire; in some of the mountain settlements in this parish.—Robert Shaw, John Stirling, Will, Cudjoe; sculking or employed in Liguanea.—James Crawford; escaped the hands of justice.

SLAVES :—15.

Glasgow and Eleanor, to Sarah Spencer. Sally, to John Hardwar.  
Quamina, to Gordon. Consider, to Robert Harris.  
Chester, to family of Thomas Shirley, Smart and Dolly, to Thomas Ball.  
deceased. Flora, Patience, and Lucy, to family of  
Edward, to John Macfarlane. Assee Cudjoe, deceased.  
Sam, Frank, and George, to Rob. Benton.

INCREASE.

DECREASE.

Born	-	-	6	Dead	-	-	5
			—	Increase	-	-	1—6

I, James Anderson, superintendant of Charles-Town, do swear, that the above is a just and true return, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—*So help me God.*

JAMES ANDERSON.

*An exact RETURN of the SCOTT'S HALL MAROONS, taken this 20th day of October, 1799.*

Names of MEN.—14.

<i>In the town.</i>	<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>		<i>Age.</i>
John Horn	65	Cuffie	60	John Price	45
		William Gale	55	Robert Nugent	40
		4 P		James	

## A P P E N D I X.

	Age.		Age.		Age.
James Nugent	- 35	<i>In the town.</i>		<i>With his father, St.</i>	
Peter	- 30	Quaw	- 21	George'	
Tubb	- 25	Duke	- 20	John Pickersgill	- 18
<i>In Charleston.</i>		John Hermit	- 17	<i>In St. Georges's.</i>	
Quamin	- 23			Wiltshire	- 45
<i>Names of the WOMEN.—II.</i>					
<i>In the town.</i>		Sarah	- 38	Ann Williams	- 35
Grace	- 90	Has a slave named Tom,		Eleanor Nugent	- 28
Has a slave named Quaw,		aged 26.		Cuba	- 20
aged 4.		Phoebe	- 35	Little Cuba	- 18
Beneba	- 60	Ann Welcome	- 33	Diana	- 16
		Catalina	- 30		
<i>Names of the BOYS.—IO.</i>					
<i>With his father, St.</i>		Lawrence Nugent	9	Thomas	- 8
<i>George's.</i>		Robert Nugent	- 10	Henry Nugent	- 4
James Pickersgill	- 14	Samuel Nugent	- 10	William Nugent	1½
<i>In the town.</i>		Thomas Hermit	- 7	William	8 months
Coffee	- 15				
<i>Names of the GIRLS.—II.</i>					
<i>In Kingston.</i>		<i>In the town.</i>		Mary Inch	- 6
Amba	- 16	Sarah Nugent	- 11	Hannah	- 4
<i>With Miss Hermit, a free</i>		Eleanor Nugent	- 8	Diana Hermit	- 3
<i>woman, St. Mary's.</i>		Elizabeth Nugent	- 5	Sarah Nugent	- 3
Mary Hermit	- 13	Diana Nugent	- 8	Betsy	- 8
		Dorothy Nugent	- 6	Francis E. Hermit	9 m.

Men, 14; Women, 11; Boys, 10; Girls, 13:—Total, 48.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Thomas March, of the parish of St. Mary, being duly sworn, maketh oath, deposeth and saith, that the above is a just and true return, according to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

THOMAS MARCH.

*Sworn before me, this 24th day of October, 1799.*

WM. CRUICKSHANK.

Accompong-Town. A LIST of MEN and BOYS belonging to ACCOMPONG-TOWN, taken the 1st of November, 1799.

MAN unfit to carry arms, Alexander Forbes senior, 70.

MEN fit to carry arms.—32.

	Age.		Age.		Age.
John Foster	- 55	W. H. Ricketts	- 29	Robert Peart	- 25
James Vergoe	- 55	James Rowe	- 29	F. Robertson	- 25
G. Williams	- 50	Thomas Falconer	- 27	Josia Clark	- 25
Sam Foster	- 45	Alex. Thomson	- 27	James Denes	- 25
Robert Aulfin	- 45	Alex. Forbes jun.	- 26	G. G. Stone	- 25
Sam Smith	- 40	Robert Wright	- 26	William Denes	- 16
John Miles	- 40	William Adlam	- 26	Roger Denes	- 16
John Roach	- 37	John Griffith	- 26	Ned Roach	- 16
Thomas Salmon	- 37	Charles Rowe	- 26	William Webb	- 16
And. Burnside	- 37	John Webb	- 25	Johnny	- 16
R. Clark	- 29	James Wight	- 25		

Charles

## Boys.—52.

Age.		Age.		Age.	
Charles Austin - 14	John Roach jun. - 10	Cudjoe - 6			
Cudjoe - 14	Sam Smith jun. - 10	Thomas Foster - 5			
John Holway - 14	Quamin - 10	John - 4			
Neckey - 14	Quacoe Smith - 10	James - 4			
John M'Catty - 13	Frank - 9	G. Miles - 4			
Quaco - 13	Cuffee - 9	Robert Wright - 2			
Sam - 13	Quamin - 9	Alex. Driscoll - 2			
John Watson - 12	Cuffee - 9	Quacoe - 2			
Quashie - 12	John - 9	John - 2			
Quashie - 12	Matt Carr - 9	Pight - 2			
John - 12	Cuffee - 9	Simon Forbes - 9 months			
William - 12	Henry Crafs - 9	Quacoe - 8 ditto			
Thomas Crafs - 11	Sam Foster jun. - 8	John - 8 ditto			
Robert Read - 11	Quamin - 8	Tom - 7 ditto			
Barnet Dennes - 11	Robert Palmer - 7	William Dennes - 7 ditto			
Toby - 11	Richard Read - 7	Thomas Ricketts - 6 ditto			
James - 10	Thomas Read - 6	Richard Clark - 5 ditto			
Thomas Salmon jun. - 13					

JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Elizabeth.*

Personally appeared before me, Alexander Forbes junior, and made oath, that the above list is just and true, to the best of his knowledge, and that there is no man-roon possessed of any slaves.

ALEX. FORBES junior, *superintendent of Accompong-Town.*

Sworn before me, this 25th November, 1799.

ALEXANDER RANKIN.

A LIST of WOMEN and GIRLS, belonging to ACCOMPONG-TOWN, taken the 1st of November, 1799.

## WOMEN:—45.

Age.		Age.		Age.	
Charity - 70	Mary Dunkley - 35	Mary Ann - 27			
Mary Palmer - 65	Barbara Wright - 35	Tabia Ricketts - 27			
Benneba - 60	Elizabeth Vanheelen - 32	Cubba - 25			
Benneba Williams - 52	Mary Clark - 32	Phibba - 25			
Lucinda Read - 50	Molly - 32	Sufanna Rowe - 25			
Befs - 50	Phibba Smith - 32	Marget Austin - 24			
Cubba - 50	Tobia Palmer - 30	Sophy Wright - 23			
Fanny Wright - 48	Nancy Otto - 30	Benneba Wright - 23			
Molly Austin - 48	Sally Crisp - 30	Sarah Sanum - 23			
Jenny Read - 47	Wanica - 29	Molly Forbes - 23			
Nanny Austin - 47	Maria Falconer - 29	Nelly Foster - 23			
Grace - 45	Polly Carr - 29	Fanny Austin - 20			
Venus - 45	Suckey Read - 29	Marget Peart - 20			
Cloe - 40	Bashee - 27	Nelly Dennes - 20			
Benneba Dennes - 35	Molly Salmon - 27	Peggy - 17			

## GIRLS:—22.

Kitty Read - 15	Befs - 14	Juba - 10
Kitty - 15	Dido - 14	Nancy Carr - 10
		Polly

	Age.		Age.		Age.
Polly Austin	- 9	Amba	- 7	Mary Wright	- 3
Dolly Austin	- 9	Anny Ricketts	- 6	Mary Walpole	- 3
Mary Cresp	- 9	Catalina	- 4	Delia Ricketts	- 2
Mary Carr	- 8	Fanny	- 3	Marget	- 2
Mary Austin	- 8	Mary Rowe	- 3	Fanny	- 2
Quaiheba	- 7				

Number of males and females that live out of the town.

WOMEN AND GIRLS.—7.

In St. James's.		In St. Elizabeth's.		In St. Elizabeth's.	
Nancy Austin	- 25	Bessy	- 30	Jane Otto	- 10
		Charity	- 5	Vally Denmes	- 15
Amba	- 60	Marget Robb	- 60		

Boys:—5.

Quacoe	- 10	Quamin	- 9	William	- 3
Sam Cresp	- 14	James	- 3		

JAMAICA. ff.—St. Elizabeth.

Personally appeared before me, Alexander Forbes junior, superintendant, and made oath, that the above list is just and true, to the best of his knowledge, and that there is no maroon possessed of any slaves.

ALEX. FORBES junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1799.

ALEXANDER RANKIN.

No. VI.

[This return, which is of very great extent, comprising every article of importation, was referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the state of the colony, &c. by whom an abstract of the most essential articles was made, which forms No. 5. and 6 of the appendix to their report.]

No. VII.

EMBARKATION RETURN of the 1ST BATTALION of his-majesty's 60TH (or ROYAL AMERICAN) REGIMENT of FOOT, which sailed from Barbadoes, on the 22d April, 1799, and arrived at Port-Royal harbour, Jamaica, the 4th May following.

O F F I C E R S.												
Commission.						Staff.						
Colonel.	Lieutenant-Colonel.	Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Pavmaster.	Adjutants.	Quartermaster.	Surgeon.	Assistant surgeons.	Sergeants.	Drummers.
		1	8	12	6	1	2	1	1	2	54	22
Rank and File.						Rank and File.						
818						818						
42						42						
45						45						
Total						Total						
-						-						

FRED. DEVOS, major commanding 1st batt. 60th regiment.

MONTHLY

MONTHLY RETURN of his majesty's 4TH BATTALION 60TH REGIMENT OF FOOT, under the command of major Thomas Philip Ansell, Stoney-Hill; 15th May, 1799.

COMPANIES.

COMPANIES.																
Officers pre ent.																
Commissioned.					Staff.					Effective Sergeants, Drummers, Rank and File.						
Lieut. Colonel.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Adjutant.	Quartermaster.	Aiding diviso.	Surgeon.	Physician.	Present and fit for duty	Incom. recruiting &c.		Sick.		Total effective.	Wanting to complete.	Alterations since last return.
										On the island.	Not on island.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank & File.		
Major-general (col.) Peter Hunter's																
Lieutenant-colonel Robert John Napier's																
Major Thomas Philip Ansell's																
Captain David Walker's																
James Cockburn's																
Edward Codd's																
Andrew McCan's																
Thomas McKee's																
John Bradshaw's																
Colin Campbell's																
1st rifle comp. Captain Roberfield's, on detach. at P. Maria																
2d ditto, captain Duncker's, ditto at Spanish-Town																
Officers additional and ex secunde																
Total	1	7	9	4	1	1	1	1	32	20	279	6	356	1	393	607

ABSENT OFFICERS.

Major-general (col.) Peter Hunter, from July, 1797, for Ralph Abercrombie's leave.  
Lieutenant-colonel R. J. Napier, from 17th January, 1799, his royal highness the commander in chief's leave, 2 months.  
Lieutenant-colonel John Bonamy, 15th Oct. 1797, is the date of his commission, not joined.  
Major Edmund Burke, 4th May, 1798, sick certificate, his royal highness the commander in chief, 3 months.  
Captain David Walker, sick certificate, his excellency earl Balcarres.  
Andrew McCann, 15th Feb. 1798, ditto, ditto, 6 months.  
Thomas McKee, 20th Feb. 1796, is the date of his commission, not joined.  
M. Walrond, 11th Oct. 1797, ditto ditto, ditto.  
count Rouvray, 30th Dec. 1797, ditto ditto, ditto.  
Fogassie, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Sebastian Cryanach, 30th Dec. 1797, is the date of his commission, not joined.

Killarpack, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

Stapleton, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

John Crozant, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

Conaßen, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

D'Aragau, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

De Hallan, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

Kraft, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

Fuzilves, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

James Burkett, 8th March, 1798, ditto ditto, ditto.

William Wright, ditto, ditto ditto, ditto.

Frankiffon, 29th ditto, ditto ditto, (reported by captain Roberfeld to have joined 5th battalion.)

OFFICERS on duty, and on what duty.

Captain H. Roberfeld, ensigns G. W. Avenau and Fiffbach, and assistant surgeon Saack, 1st rifle company, on detachment at Port-Maria. (The latter in arrest at Stoney-Hill.)

Captain A. F. Duncker, lieutenant William Isaren, and assistant surgeon Kublan, 2d rifle company, on detachment at Spanish-Town.

Captain John Bradshaw and lieutenant James O'Ryley, assisting to raise a new corps in Ireland.

Lieutenant Francis Miller, in the barrack master-general's department at St. Kitt's.

THOMAS PHILIP AINSLIE, major 4th battalion 60th regiment.

N. B. The five discharged, were three sergeants and two privates, embarked for Europe, per his majesty's ship Valiant, and struck off the strength of the battalion, the 23d ultimo.—Sergeant Thomas Coljuhoun (included in the column of dead), died at Spanish-Town, the 16th January, 1799, and reported to the battalion the 26th ultimo.—Hospital mate Donlevy, doing duty with the battalion, and John Veitch, esquire, appointed island-ensign, 1st January, 1797, not included in the above return.—The reverend John Campbell is acting chaplain to the battalion, and present.

#### O F F I C E R S P R E S E N T.

Major Thomas Philip Ainslie.—Captains James Cockburn, Edward Codd, Colin Campbell, Thomas Lidderdale, H. Des Rivières, Lewis Kirman.—Captain-lieutenant Alexander Fraser.—Lieutenants Charles De Saluberry, John Heslop, David Jely, Theo. C. Egan, Charles Thompson, James Gillespie, Edward Cooke, William H. Quast, William R. Broich.—Ensigns James E. Bell, John Donaldson, William Peacocke, Thomas Walli.—Adjutant John Heslop.—Quartermaster B. Rawdon.—Acting ditto De Lachana.—Assistant surgeon J. P. Wrangle.

Port-Maria, 1 captain; 2 ensigns; 1 assistant surgeon; 2 sergeants; 1 drummer; and 38 rank and file.

Spanish-Town, 1 captain; 1 lieutenant; 1 assistant surgeon; 4 sergeants; 2 drummers; and 28 rank and file.

Total.—2 captains; 1 lieutenant; 2 ensigns; 2 assistant surgeons; 6 sergeants; 3 drummers; and 66 rank and file.

Windward islands, 1 rank and file.

Embarked for Europe, per the Cecilia Trausport, 11 rank and file.

At Stoney-Hill, 1 sergeant; 1 drummer; 18 rank and file.

Efficiency

I do certify, that the accounts of the non-commissioned officers, drummers, and private men of the 4th battalion 60th regiment, have been settled, and balances paid off, up to the 24th of April, 1799; conformable to his majesty's warrant, dated 1st September, 1795.

Stoney-Hill, May 1st, 1799.

THOMAS PHILIP AINSLIE, major 4th battalion 60th regiment.

*Effective* RETURN of WALSTIEN'S REGIMENT, which joined 4th battalion 60th regiment, 5th May, 1799.

C O M P A N I E S.					Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensign.	Assistant surgeon.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.
Captain Rouvray's	-	-	-	-	1	3		1	7	2	97
D'Estienne's	-	-	-	-	1	3			6	4	62
Fogassie's	-	-	-	-	1	2			5	4	61
Schomberg's	-	-	-	-	1	1	1		6	3	62
Total	-	-	-	-	4	9	1	1	24	13	282

THOMAS PHILIP AINSLIE, lieutenant-colonel 4th battalion 60th regiment.



I N D E X

T O T H E

V O T E S.

*Sess.* 1799-1800

ACCOUNTS, } — BLACKLEY, Boyle, and company —  
 &c. } — DE LA HOUSSAIE —

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. continued.	Presented.	Referred.	Referred		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			From com. to which in first referred.	Finally.	
BLACKLEY, Boyle, and company:					
Clothing for brown infantry and black shot, p. -	106	107	145*	175	* Reported as due on account of Alexander Gillant.
BLACKLEY, Boyle, and company:					
Medicines furnished the brown infantry, p. -	106	107	145†	175	† Reported as due on account of John Bromley.
BRAILSFORD and Pinkcombe:					
Water supplied the troops at Fort Charles, Fort-Augusta, and the Apostles-Battery, p. -	89	89	145	175	
BRODBELT and Lee:					
Salary as physicians to Middlesex gaol, p. -	89	89	145	175	
BROMLEY, John; v. BLACKLEY, Boyle, and company, <i>Ex p. a.</i>					
BULLOCK, William:					
Stationary for commissioners of correspondence office, and for cash paid postage of agent's letters, p. -	147	148	168	250	
BULLOCK, William Hamilton:					
Clothing for the Trelawny black shot and militia, p. -	97	98	144	175	
BUTTER, major:					
Island pay and lodging-money as deputy adjutant-general; and for the hire and clothing of pioneer negroes, M. 12	130	131	146	177	
CAMPBELL, Alexander:					
Hire and maintenance of negroes, to take care of the buildings at Fort-Small, p. -	103	104	303	303	‡ The account for disbursements reported, as no. being accompanied with sufficient vouchers, 264; committee directed to postpone the consideration thereof, 268.
CAMPBELL, Donald:					
Pay and disbursements as captain of Fort-Montego, p. -	17	18	146‡ 300	177 308	
CATHCART, William:					
Refreshments furnished a party of the 83d regiment, at Dog-Walk, p. -	105	107	145	176	
CHURCHILL, major-general:					
Island pay and lodging-money, M. 27	131	131	146	178	
CLOUGH, Hugh:					
Freight, wharfage, &c. of medicine-chests and regimental bedding, M. 14	130	131	146	178	
—v. HOSPITAL surgeon					
DANCE, William, late D. M.					
Maintenance of prisoners in Kingston gaol, p. -	56	56	144	174	
DE LA HOUSSAIE, captain §:					
Expences incurred for a detachment of the 1st battalion of the 60th regiment at Fort-Augusta, M. 6	130	131	172	261	§ Named in the message captioned De La Houssaie. —    The amount of this account to be deducted by the receiver-general from monies due the estate of J. H. Newland, deceased, for supplying troops at Fort-Augusta with water.

DEPUTY

# Accounts, } DEPUTY adjutant-general - FRANKLYN (Peter) &c. }

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. <i>continued.</i>	Presented.	Referred.	Received		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			From com. to wh. referred.	In pay.	
DEPUTY adjutant-general:					
Hire of pioneers, M. 17*	131	131			* This and need a g for hire of pioneers in major Butler's account, is one and the same.
DOBSON, Roger:	62	62	145	175	
Hire of negroes, cattle, and carts, in the public service, p.					
DONALDSON, John:	131	131	168	250	
Hire of mules in the public service, M. 24					
DONALDSON, John:	156	156	167	251	
Hire of pioneers, M. 1					
DONNAN, John:	106	107	146	177	† The application for this demand, was by motion in the house, after the expiration of the time limited for receiving private business, the petition for that purpose having been refused.
Hire of pioneers, p.					
DOUGLAS, Charles:	179†			80	† This account is due equally to captain Dunker, lieutenant Maasen, and assistant surgeon Kublan.
Lodging-money as superintendant of Moore-Town maroons					
DUNKER, captain:	151	151	167	250	
Lodging money, M. 3†					
DWYER, John Michael:	131	131	146	177	
Translating Spanish public dispatches, M. 23					
EDWARDS, John:	105	107	145	176	
Fire-wood supplied the York hussars at Savanna-la-Mar, p.					
EDWARDS, John:	105	107	145	176	
Fire-wood supplied, and transporting the baggage of the 13th regiment of light dragoons, stationed at Savanna-la-Mar, p.					
FARMER, Jasper:	299	299	300	308	§ Laid before the house by a member, in his place.
Preparing drafts of public bills, §					
FANNIN, James:	104	07	146	177	
Printing business, p.					
FEAD, colonel:	151	151	184	260	
Disbursements in repairing the quarters of the royal artillery, M. 1					
FENTON, John:	62	62	144	174	
Sundries supplied the troops on service, at Oxford estate, p.					
FENWICK, William:	89	89	145	175	
Care of the clock in the assembly-room, p.					
FORBES, Alexander:	126	126	173	173	
Lodging money as superintendant of the Accompong Town maroons, p.					
FRANKLYN, Peter:	148	148	167	249	Presented by Mr. Franklyn, in his place.
Hire of negroes, cattle, and carts, in the public service,					

Sept. 1799.

FRASER,

# ACCOUNTS, } — FRASER (Hugh) - JOHNSON (G. Robert) — &c.

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. <i>continued.</i>	Presented.	Referred.	Reported		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			From whom to whom first referred.	Finally.	
FRASER, Hugh, late D. M. Maintenance of prisoners in Kingston gaol, p. -	133	134	153	174	
GALLANT, Alexander; v. BLACKLEY, Boyle, and company.					
GAYNER and Manderfon: Fire-wood supplied the 83d regiment, p. -	17	18	144	176	
GAYNER and Manderfon: Fire-wood supplied the 83d regiment, p. -	17	18	145	176	* The nature of this account not being expressed in the message, and the report thereon being a recommendation for the postponing the consideration of the same, it does not appear on the votes.
GILLESPIE, captain, of Fort-Brunswick, M. 2* -	302	302	307		
GOULD, major Augustus: Island pay and lodging-money, as brigade-major, M. 10	130	131	145	177	
GOULD, major Augustus: Pay as barrack-master-general, M. 11 -	130	131	146	177	
GRAHAM, Ann: Arms supplied, by order of the Trelawny public commissioners, p. -	89	89	144†	175	† Reported due to the estate of Samuel Graham, deceased.
HAAREN, lieutenant; v. DUNKER, captain.					
HARRISON, Sarah Baldwin: Occupancy of the Spanish-Town theatre, by the king's troops, p. -	146	147	173	173	
HENDERSON, John, <i>per</i> attorney: Wharfage and wainage of public and military stores, p. -	97	98	144	175	
HEWAN, John: Attendance on, and medicines furnished, the St. James's black shot, p. -	17	18	145	176	
HOSPITAL surgeon: Lodging-money, M. 26 -	131	131	184	160	
INGRAM, John; v. BLACKLEY, Boyle, and company.					
JACKSON, Robert: Pay and lodging-money as captain of Fort-Charlotte, p. -	153	153	184	161	
JACKSON, the honourable William: Hire of waggons and cattle in removing army baggage, ‡	30	30	144	174	‡ Presented by Mr. Chief-Justice, in his place.
JENKINS, Thomas, <i>per</i> his attorney, Seba Shelly: Hire of pioneers, p. -	153	153	184	161	
JOHNSON, George Robert: Fire-wood supplied the 83d regiment, at Fort-Charlotte, p. -	116	117	145	176	
JOHNSON, George Robert: Fire-wood supplied the 83d regiment, at Fort-Charlotte, p. -	116	117	145	176	

JOHNSON,

# ACCOUNTS, } — JOHNSON (Thomas) - - MORALES (Isaac) — &c.

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. <i>continued.</i>	Presented.	Referred.	Reported		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			When sent to whom first referred.	Finally.	
JOHNSON, Thomas:					
Coffee supplied the 83d regiment, and carriage of regimental provisions, &c. p.	30	30	144	174	
JOHNSON, lieutenant Walter:					
Island pay and lodging-money, as military secretary to the commander in chief, M. 1	130	131	168	250	
JONES, the honourable James:					
Waggonage of provisions for the 13th regiment of light dragoons, M. 19*	131	131	184	261	* This account, mentioned in the message, as due to the 13th regiment of light dragoons.
KUBLAN, assistant surgeon; v. DUNKER, captain.					
LATIUM estate; v. MURRAY, George.					
LAWSON, captain; v. REGIMENT, 60th, 1st battalion.					
LIGHT dragoons, 20th regiment of:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 5†	130	131			
LIGHT dragoons, 20th regiment of:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 4	151	151	167	250	† This account was not sent down at this time, but afterwards, as expressed in the following article.
LIGHT dragoons, 20th regiment of, M. 4‡	302	302	307§		‡ The nature of these accounts denominated, No. 4, not being expressed in the message, and the report thereon being a recommendation for postponing the consideration of the same, it does not appear on the votes.——§ They are ordered to be delivered, by the clerk of the house, to the commissioners of public accounts, to be audited, 319.
LIGHT dragoons, 20th regiment, officers of:					
Lodging-money, M. 5	130	131	146	177	
LIND, doctor Charles:					
Island pay and lodging-money as surgeon to the forces, M. 13	130	131	146	177	
LUNAN and Lewis:					
Printing business, p.	147	148	168	250	
M'MURDO, lieutenant-colonel:					
Island pay and lodging money, as deputy quartermaster-general to the forces, M. 2	130	131	146	177	
MARCH, Thomas:					
Lodging-money as superintendant of the Scott's Hall magazines, p.	62	62	163	163	
MAXWELL, John:					
Pay and usual allowance for boat and negro hire, as captain of the Apostles Battery, p.	117	117	145	176	
MITCHELL, John:					
Hire of a vessel for a powder magazine,	275	287	298	298	Reported by board of works to be due.
MORALES, Isaac:					
Officiating in the Kingston courts, as interpreter of the Spanish and French languages, p.	88	88	163	163	

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# ACCOUNTS, } — MORLEY (Thos.) - ROBINSON (surgeon J.) — &c.

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. continued.	Presented.	Referred.	Reported		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			From com. to whom first referred.	Finally.	
MORLEY, Thomas:					
Rations and lodgings furnished a party of the 83d regi- ment, p.	117	117	146* 184	261	* Referred back to commit- tee of accounts, 174.
MURRAY, George:					
Value of a negro belonging to Latium estate, who died while employed in the public service, p.	17	18	144	174	
PALLMER, Charles Nicholas:					
Law business transacted as solicitor for the crown, p.	98	98	144	175	
PINNOCK, James Dismore:					
Pay and lodging-money as captain of Fort-Lindsay, p.	105	107	145	176	
PLUMMER, Henry Waite:					
Sundries supplied in the public service, p.	89	89	145	176	
REGIMENT, 60th, 1st battalion:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 8	130	131	172† 264	268	† Referred back to commit- tee of accounts, 262.
REGIMENT, 60th, 1st battalion:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 25	131	131	168	250	
REGIMENT, 60th, 4th battalion:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 9	130	131	146	177	
REGIMENT, 63d:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 20	131	131†			† The amount of this account is included in, or added to, the lodging-money account of the officers of the regi- ment, in the report from the committee of accounts the com. and appears there- in, as due wholly to the of- ficers for lodging-money.
REGIMENT, 63d, officers of:					
Lodging-money, M. 20	131	131	146	178	
REGIMENT, 66th:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 4	130	131	168	251	
REGIMENT, 67th:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 7	130	131	184	261	
REGIMENT, 67th, officers of:					
Lodging-money, M. 2	156	156	184	261	
REGIMENT, 83d:					
Regimental contingencies, M. 3	130	131	146	177	
REGIMENT, 83d, officers of:					
Lodging-money, M. 3	130	131	146	177	
RILEY, James Thomas; v. Bishop, John Lloyd, admini- strator of.					
ROBINSON, surgeon John:					
Extra allowance for medicines for 20th regiment of light dragoons, p.	116	116	163	163	

RUGGLES,

# ACCOUNTS, } — RUGGLES (Geo.) - TRELAWNY workhouse — &c.

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. <i>continued.</i>	Presented.	Referred.	Reported		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			From com. to whom first referred.	Final.	
RUGGLES, George: Two fat cattle supplied a detachment of militia, on public service, p.	17	18	144	174	
SAINT Ann's workhouse: Negro-hire in the service of the 83d regiment, p.	126	126	145	175	
SCHROETER, John Henry: Pay and disbursements as captain of Fort-Balcarras, p.	41	41	146* 300	177 308	* The account for disburse- ments reported, as not be- ing accompanied with suf- ficient vouchers, 264; com- mittee directed to postpone the consideration thereof, 268.
SCOTT, Agnes: Hire of pioneers, M. 15	130	131	146	178	
SHAWE, Robert and Richard: Business transacted in Great Britain, as solicitors at law, on behalf of the island, and expences incurred therein, †		287	288	288	† These accounts were trans- mitted to the commissioners of correspondence, by the island agent, and laid before the house with their books and papers.
SHELLY, Seba, and company, ‡ M. 18	131	131	264§	266	
SHEPHERD, Samuel: Care of a powder magazine in Trelawny, ¶	275	287	298	298	¶ The nature of this account not expressed in the message, nor in the report thereon, therefore does not appear in the votes.—§ Reported as due to Seba Shelly.
STEVENSON and Aikman: Printing business, p.	147	148	167	250	§ Reported by board of works to be due.
STEWART, James, late D. M. Maintenance of, and disbursements for, prisoners of war, in Westmorland gaol, p.	88	89	146a 184	261	a Referred back to commit- tee of accounts to be audit- ed, 174.
STONE, John, D. M. Maintenance of prisoners in Kingston gaol, p.	107	107	145	176	
STONE, John, D. M. M. 1 b	302	302	307		b The nature of this account or demand, not being ex- pressed in the message, and the report thereon being a recommendation for post- poning the consideration of the same, it does not appear on the votes.
STONEY, Elizabeth: Rations supplied a guard of militia, p.	62	62	144	174	
TAYLOR and Bacon: Sundries furnished a party of the Trelawny light dragoons, on public service, p.	30	30	144	174	
TENISON, Benjamin: Water supplied the 83d regiment, at Lucea, p.	117	117	145 168	176 250	
THOMAS, Martha: Hire of pioneers, p.	107	107	146	177	
THOMSON, George: Hire of pioneers, p.	107	107			
THOMSON, George: Hire of pioneers, p.	107	107	146	177	
TRELAWNY workhouse: Negro-hire in the service of the 83d regiment, p.	116	117	144	175	

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VAUGHAN,

# ACCOUNTS, } — VAUGHAN (W. W.) - - - YORK huffars — &c.

NAMES OF THE CREDITORS, &c. continued.	Presented.	Referred.	Referred		Incidental Proceedings, and Illustrative Remarks.
			From com. to which first referred.	Finally.	
VAUGHAN, William Welby, D. M. Maintenance of prisoners in St. Jago de la Vega gaol, p.	105	107	145	176	
VEITCH, Belinda : Hire of pioneers, p.	106	107	145	176	
WALKER, doctor James : Attendance on, and medicines furnished, sick prisoners in Kingston gaol, p.	65	65	145	176	
WATSON and Appleton : Amount of an order drawn by the Montego-Bay barrack commissioners, in favour of William Jolly, and transfer- red to claimants, p.	104	107	146	177	
WATT, doctor Alexander : Medicines furnished detachments of troops, p.	134*				* Ordered to lie on the table.
WHITEHEAD, Edward Martin, D. M. Maintenance of prisoners in St. Jago de la Vega gaol, p.	104	107	145	176	
WILLIS, Adam : Attendance on, and medicines furnished, the Trelawny black shot, p.	62	62	144†	174	† On report from committee of accounts, this creditor is called Willis.
WOODBINE, George : Hire of pioneers, M. 22	131	131	168	250	
YORK huffars, officers of : Lodging-money, M. 21	131	131	146	178	

ADDRESSES,

# A D D R E S S E S,

To the KING'S MAJESTY.

	Ordered.	Presented.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read.	Passed.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS.
On the subject-matters of a report made to the house from a committee, appointed to inquire into the general state of colony	233	241	241	241	241	242	242	243*	* Council desired to concur, 243; they assent, <i>ibid</i> ; committee appointed to join a committee of the council, to wait on the lieutenant-governor, and to request his honour to transmit the address to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner, and their honours informed thereof, 244: Message from the board, that they had appointed their committee, 245; committee go up, and on return, report, that the joint committee had waited on his honour, who was pleased to promise a compliance with their request, <i>ibid</i> ; a copy of address to be transmitted by commissioners of correspondence to the island agent, <i>ibid</i> .

To his HONOUR the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

	Ordered.	Presented to house.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read.	Passed.	Presented to Council.	Answered.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS.
For his speech, on opening the session	5*	6	6	6	6	6	8	9†	10	10*	His honour's speech referred to committee, appointed to prepare address, 3.—
To express the high sense the house entertain of his meritorious exertions, during the late martial law; to return him the thanks of the house for the same; and to assure his honour, that the house are ready to sanction all such measures as were adopted by him, during that period, which may be deemed contrary to the existing laws of the island, being convinced that the same have arisen solely from his honour's anxiety for the security of the island	271	272				272	273	273†	273	273	† His honour requested by message, to signify his pleasure, when he will be attended, 9.
To return him the thanks of the house, for his compliance with their wishes, relative to the exporting certain articles of colonial produce, in American vessels	310	313				313	314	315	315	316	§ Ditto, 315.

# BILLS, PRIVATE.

Designation and purport.	Ordered.	Prepared, and read first time.	Read second time.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
CLOSE-HARBOUR — for amending and adding to an act passed in 1795, constituting a corporation, for establishing a close harbour at Meagre-Bay, being a part of Montego-Bay	60*	143	152	152	158	158	158	167	167	167	236	* Members added to committee appointed to prepare this bill, 130.
CUSTOM-HOUSE FEES — for allowing certain additional fees to officers concerned in entering and clearing trading vessels	17	29†	38	38	46	47	47	46	48	48	171	† On motion and debate, the receiver-general directed to pay the fees on the passage of this bill, 34.
DIXON'S SALE — for authorizing the sale of certain properties, held by Peter Manly Dixon, and which were devised by the late countess dowager of Home, in special tail	153	157	160	160	233‡							‡ Report postponed for six months, 234.
FALMOUTH WATER — for establishing a corporation for supplying the town, and the shipping in the harbour, of Falmouth, with wholesome water	88	138	152	152	181	182§	182	182	182	183	248	§ Motion to amend a reported amendment, negative, 182 —    Leave granted a member, to petition the council on the passage of this bill, 184.
FALMOUTH WHARVES — for discharging certain lands at Falmouth from restricted conditions contained in a deed of trust, thereby to afford the means of wharves being erected to a sufficient extent	144	160	183	<p><sup>a</sup> A petition of the trustees and executors appointed by the will of Edward Barrett, deceased, presented, praying a copy of this bill, and to be permitted to give evidence, and to be heard by counsel, against the same, at the bar of the house, 160; also, a petition of Lamont and Summers, to the same effect, 162; petitioners to have copies of bill, and the other part of the prayer of their petitions to be complied with, on second reading of bill, <i>ibid.</i>; counsel to be heard in support of bill, at same time, <i>ibid.</i>; two persons ordered to attend at the bar of the house, and be examined, on second reading of bill, 165; Order of the day, for second reading of bill read, and bill ordered to be so read, 183; counsel on both sides called in; <i>ibid.</i> — <sup>b</sup> Petitions against bill severally read, 183; House proceeded to hear counsel and the examination of witnesses, on the subject-matters of this bill, <i>ibid.</i>; further hearing of counsel postponed, <i>ibid.</i>; counsel and the examination of witnesses further heard, 185.</p>								
FERGUSON'S PRIVILEGE — for granting certain privileges to the reputed mulatto children of James Ferguson	65	87	96				96	102	102	114	171	
FRASER'S MANUMISSION — for making free and rewarding, at the public expense, a negro man, named Fraser, for having discovered and made known, the negro murderer of a white man	153	157	160	160	187 <sup>d</sup>							<p><sup>c</sup> Motion made, that the receiver-general do pay the fees on this bill, and ordered to lie three days on the table, 165; which is again read, and agreed to, 172. — <sup>d</sup> Bill re-committed to committee, who brought it in, to be re-considered, 187.</p>

GREEN.

BILLS, }  
private. }

— GREEN-ISLAND TURNPIKE —  
— SAINT MARY'S WHARFAGE —

<i>Continued.</i>	Ordered.	Presented, and read first time.	Read second time.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be printed.	Read third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
GREEN-ISLAND TURNPIKE; v. LUCEA.												
KAYLET'S SALE—for authorizing the sale of certain property, devised by the will of Thomas Kaylet, deceased, in trust, for special purposes	184	187	237	237	239	239	239	240	240	242*	320	* Leave granted a member, to petition the council on the passage of this bill, 242; an amendment proposed by council, to which house agree, and bill returned to the board, 272.
KINGSTON POLICE—for establishing further regulations of police in the town of Kingston	95	138	142	143	158	158	159	159	159†	167	236	† Passed with a rider: Leave granted a member, to petition the council on the passage of this bill, 165.
LUCEA AND GREEN-ISLAND TURNPIKE—for assessing toll duties on carriages, cattle, and stock, passing between Savanna la-Mar and Lucea, and Green-Island	16	29										
OLD-HARBOUR TURNPIKE—for assessing toll duties on carriages, cattle, and stock, passing the road between Spanish-Town and the junction of the Mayday-Hill, at Dry-River	16	29	64	64	129	129	129	132	132	142	171	
RIO-COBRE BRIDGE—for extending the powers granted to certain commissioners, appointed for building a stone bridge over the Rio-Cobre, in St. Catherine, by an act passed 32 Geo. III.	59	87	97	97	129	129	129	132	132	142	171	
RUTHERFORD'S SALE—for authorizing the sale of certain property, formerly conveyed in trust, for special purposes, by James Rutherford	79	102	114	114	135	135	135	136	136	142	236	
SAINT MARY'S WHARFAGE—for increasing the rates of wharfage, in the parish of St. Mary	72	97	102	102	129	129	129	132	132	142†	171	† Leave granted a member, to petition the council on the passage of this bill, 156.

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**BILLS,** } — SAINT THOMAS IN THE VALE TURNPIKE —  
*private.* } — WOLMER'S FREE-SCHOOL ANNUITY —

<i>Continued.</i>	Ordered.	Presented, and read first time.	Read second time.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
SAINT THOMAS IN THE VALE TURNPIKE—for the more effectual improvement of the road leading from Bog-Walk to Spanish-Town	91	92	97	97	135*	167	167	167	167	167	236	* Bill re-committed to committee, who brought it in, to be re-considered, 136.— † Presented, and read first time, after re-commitment.
SALT RIVER CANAL—for authorizing the cutting of a canal from Salt-River, in St. Catherine, through Water-house estate, in St. Andrew	137											
SAVAGE'S SALE—for authorizing the sale of certain property, granted in trust, for the benefit of the infant children of William Savage	61	64	78	79	194	94	94	96	96	102	171	
SILVERA'S LEASE—for authorizing the executrix and executors, and trustees, appointed by the will of Aaron Silvera, deceased, to lease, for a limited term, certain of his properties	97	114	120	120	135	135	135	137	137	142	171	
VOCE'S ROAD—for authorizing the erecting a turnpike on Voce's road, in the parish of St. Ann, for securing the re-payment of a certain sum, to be taken up as a loan, and applied to the completion of the said road	115	152	157	164	269	269	269	272	272	272	320	† Bill re-committed to committee, who brought it in, to be re-considered, 164.— § Presented, and read first time, after re-commitment.—    Leave granted a member, to petition the council on the passage of this bill, 289.
WOLMER'S FREE-SCHOOL ANNUITY—for granting a perpetual annuity, payable from the island treasury, to the trustees of Wolmer's Free-School, for its support, on their sinking their capital into the public funds	188	237	238			239	240	240	242	320		Leave granted a member, to petition the council on the passage of this bill, 242.

# BILLS, PUBLIC;

*For raising money for the public service.*

Designation.	Ordered.	Printed, and read first time.	Read second time.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
ADDITIONAL DUTY—for laying an additional duty on imported slaves	21	27	37	37	154	154	154	156	156	157	170*	* To be printed, 245.
DEFICIENCY—for assessing certain sums on proprietors not providing white persons, at a prescribed ratio, for their slaves and stock	21	28	37	37	178	178	178	180	180	183	236†	† To be printed, 246.
LAND TAX—for assessing a tax on land	21	28	37	37	154	154	156	156	156	157	170‡	‡ To be printed, 246.
POLL-TAX—for assessing a certain tax per head, on slaves, &c.	21	27	37	37	316	316	317	317	317	317	320§	§ To be printed, 246.
POLL-TAX CONTINUATION—for continuing for a limited time, a certain part of the poll-tax act, passed in March, 1799		188	234				234	237	237	237	248	To be published, 247.
RUM—for imposing certain duties on spirituous liquors, and on licenses to retail such liquors, and a rent on the public offices	21	28	37	37	141	141	141	142	142	142	170a	a To be printed, 246.
STAMP—for imposing certain duties, by stamps, on prescribed written or printed sheets or pieces of vellum, parchment, or paper	22	28			93	93	93	96	96	102	170b	b To be printed, 246.
TONNAGE—for laying a duty on the tonnage of certain ships and vessels, arriving in the ports of this island	15	28	37	37	155	155	155	157	157	157	170c	c To be printed, 246.

**BILLS, }**  
**public. }**

— Relating to general matters. —

**ARMY BAGGAGE - - - GAMING**

Designation and purport.	Ordered	Printed, no reference to time	Read a second time.	Committed.	Confirmed.	Repealed.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read a third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
ARMY BAGGAGE—for regulating the carriage of the baggage of his majesty's troops	16	29	38	38	42	42	42	44	44	48		* Amendments proposed by council, 113; to which house disagree, and bill returned to council, 114.
ARMY BAGGAGE—for establishing regulations, for the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed in this island	25	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	32	+ Amendment proposed by council, 305; to which house agree, <i>ibid</i> ; bill returned to council, 306; to be published, 319.
ARTICLES OF WAR—for subjecting the militia to certain articles of war	15	28	37	37								
ARTICLES OF WAR CONTINUATION—for continuing, for a certain time, the articles of war act, passed in 1798	77	86	93				92	9	96	102	170	† To be printed, together with the articles of war of 1793, 247.
BOARD OF WORKS—for appointing commissioners to carry into effect appropriations, for the building and repairing public buildings and barracks		64	70	70	9	9	94	9	96	102	170	
CLERGY RESIDENCE—for enforcing the residence of beneficed clergymen in their respective parishes	176	180	185	185	235	236	23	240	240	242	248	§ Motion to reject this bill, negatived on division, 185. —    To be printed, 247.
COFFEE—for preventing the stealing of coffee	112	143	152	152	186							a Bill recommended to committee who brought it in, to be re-considered, 187 — b Present discussed first time, after re-commitment, and second reading postponed for six months; 200 copies to be printed, for the use of the members, 188.
FORT DUNDAS—for putting Fort Dundas upon the island establishment	310	313	315				315	315	315	315	320	c Motion to reject this bill, negatived, on division, 315.
FORT-SMALL—for putting Fort-Small upon the island establishment	30	306	310				310	312	312	315	320	d Order of engrossment directs, that the bill shall be, in future, denominated Fort-Clarence.
FORTS AND FORTIFICATIONS—for appointing commissioners for forts and fortifications	16	29	38	38	42	42	42	44	44	48	170	
GAMING—for repealing the gaming act, passed in 1747	40	41	44				44	48	48	48	171	

**GUNPOWDER**

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**public. }**

— *Relating to general matters.* —  
— **GUNPOWDER - - - PRIZE-GOODS** —

<i>Continued.</i>	Ordered.	Printed, and read in time.	Read second time.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be printed.	Read third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
<b>GUNPOWDER</b> — for preventing the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms	16	29	38	38	94	94	94	96	96	102	170*	To be printed, 246.
<b>HIGHWAY</b> — for the better regulation of the public highways or roads	27	41	69	70	155†							† Report postponed for six months; 200 copies to be printed for the use of the members, 155.
<b>HIGHWAY CONTINUATION</b> — for continuing, for a certain time, the act, commonly called, the highway law	156	157	159				159	167	167	167	236†	† To be published, 246.
<b>HORSE RACE</b> — for encouraging the breeding of large horses	16	102	114	114	134	135	135	136	136	142	170	To be printed, 246.
<b>INDEMNITY</b> — for indemnifying the commander in chief, and certain officers, and other persons, from process at law, or otherwise, for proceedings not strictly legal, had, or done, during the late martial law	301	302	303				302	306	306	306		
<b>INSOLVENT DEBTORS</b> — for repealing the 7th clause of the act, called the insolvent debtors law	251	253					253	262	262	267†		† To be published, when enacted, 319.
<b>ISLAND ARMS</b> — for the better preserving the arms belonging to the island	169	180	185	185	233	233	233	237	237	237	248	To be printed, 246. — & To be published, 319.
<b>LETTERS OF MARQUE</b> — for enforcing certain instructions given to the commanding officers of letters of marque	16	29	38	38	42	42	42	44	44	45	170	To be printed, 247.
<b>MILITIA AID</b> — for establishing regulations in aid of the militia act	95	160	167	167	168	168	168	171	171	185	236	† Committee to prepare bill, all wed to employ Jasper Farmer, Esquire, to prepare the draft of this bill, at the public expense. 130 — & To be printed, 246.
<b>PRIZE-GOODS</b> — for amending the prize-goods act passed in 1793	119	187	237	237	240‡	266	266	267	267	267		‡ Bill re-committed to committee, who brought it in, to be re-considered, 240; members called a committee, <i>ibid.</i> — § Committee to inspect the journals of the council report, that the board had rejected this bill, 312.

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— Relating to general matters, —  
PRIZE-GOODS - - SOLDIERS LANDS —

Continued.	Ordered.	Presented, and read first time.	Read second time.	Committed.	Considered.	Reported.	Ordered to be engrossed.	Read third time.	Passed.	Sent up.	Assented to.	INCIDENTAL PROCEEDINGS, or OCCURRENCES.
PRIZE-GOODS—for amending and extending the prize-goods act, passed in 1793		315	315				315	316	3	6	316*	320 * To be published, 319.
PROVISION EMBARGO—for empowering the commander in chief, to prohibit conditionally, by proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, the exportation of provisions	15	28	37	37	42	47	42	44	44	48	170	
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—for appointing commissioners to settle and adjust the public accounts		60	64	64	77	77	77	78	78	102	170	
RECEIVER-GENERAL'S SALARY—for allowing the receiver-general an annual salary, in lieu of commissions, with a certain exception	47	52†	78‡									† William Mitchell, esquire, a member of the house, to be heard in his capacity of receiver-general, by his counsel, at the bar of the house, against this bill, on the second reading, 52; also, to have a copy thereof, <i>ibid</i> : A petition of Thomas Partington, esquire, patentee of the receiver-general's office, by his attorney, presented, praying to have a copy of this bill, and to give evidence, and be heard, by counsel, at the bar of the house, against the same, on the second reading, 61; with which the house comply, <i>ibid</i> ; counsel for Mr. Mitchell, and for Mr. Partington, to be heard together, on the same day, <i>ibid</i> : Order of the day for second reading of bill read, and bill ordered to be so read, 78; counsel against the bill called in, <i>ibid</i> :—‡ Petition of Mr. Partington read, <i>ibid</i> ; counsel being heard are directed to withdraw, <i>ibid</i> : Motion made, that bill be rejected, a debate arising, another motion made, that the same be adjourned, which, on division, is negatived, <i>ibid</i> ; house divide on main question, which is carried in the affirmative, <i>ibid</i> ; proceedings of the house, on the second reading of this bill, to be published, <i>ibid</i> .
SEDITION—for the prevention of seditious practices and attempts to excite insurrection and rebellion in this island	274	289	289	301§	304	304	306	306	306	306	306	§ Progress reported, 301.—    To be published in the English and French languages, when enacted, 317; amendments proposed by council, <i>ibid</i> ; to three of which, house agree, and to the others disagree, 318; bill returned to council, <i>ibid</i> .
SOLDIERS LANDS—for purchasing lands in the interior of the island, for the use of the troops to be stationed there	173	187	237	237	239	239	239	240	240	242	248	

ELECTIONS.

# E L E C T I O N S.

## CLARENDON:

Message to the lieutenant-governor, requesting that a new writ might issue for the parish of Clarendon, in the room of George Atkinson, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated	P. 7
Writ and return brought down; Joseph Israell, esquire, returned	44

## PORTLAND:

Message to the lieutenant-governor, requesting that a new writ might issue for the parish of Portland, in the room of George Fuller, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated	27
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Towards completing the road from Parker's Bay, to Lenox plantation, commonly called the Bogue road, in the parish of Westmorland	258 400
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Towards completing the great interior road from the line of St. Ann to the line of St. James	259	500
Towards completing the road from the Alps to Hector's River, in the parish of Trelawny	259	200
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Towards repairing the road from James's plantation, through Cedar-Valley	256	100
Towards repairing the road from Williamsfield, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to the line of St. Mary	256	300
Towards repairing the road from Hog-Hole to Indian-River, in St. Thomas in the Vale	256	150
Towards repairing the road from the foot of Guy's Hill, through Enfield, to the intersection of the road leading to Spanish-Town, near Mickleton	256	50
Towards carrying on the new road from Luidas to Old Woman Savanna	256	200
Towards making a new road from Swansea, in Luidas, towards Pedro's, as far as the settlement of George Taylor, in St. Ann	256	200
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Towards repairing the Main-Ridge road, in Clarendon	257	150
Towards repairing the new Cave-River road, in Clarendon	257	150
Towards repairing the road over Haves's and Harris's Savanna, in Vere	257	200
Towards repairing the roads through the cock-pit lands, in Vere	257	400
Towards repairing the road from the king's road, at Cocoa-Walk, to Calabash-Bay, in the district of Carpenter's mountains, in Vere	257	100
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Towards carrying on the road from Winefield pen, in St. Ann, to Pedro's River	257	200
Towards repairing the road from Indian-River to Palmeto-Grove, in St. Mary	257	150
Towards repairing the road from Richmond, in St. Mary, to the boundary-line of St. Thomas in the Vale	257	200
Towards repairing the road from Aleppo estate, in St. Mary, to the intersection of the public road to Spanish-Town and Kingston, at Richmond	257	150
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Towards carrying on the road from Koningberg, in St. Mary, to Bellmont, in St. Andrew	258	100
Towards repairing the road over Guy's Hill, from Berkshire-Hall to Hennon-Hill	258	300
Towards repairing the road from Maiden-Hall to Goshen, in St. Mary	258	100
Towards repairing the road from Orange-River, through doctor Page's settlement, to the line of St. Thomas in the Vale	258	50
Towards completing the road through Mortar-Hall, in St. Mary	258	200
Towards repairing the road from Palmeto-Grove to Guy's Hill, in St. Mary	258	100
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